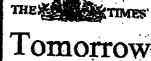
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Christmas teasers Be a winner with the Prize Jumbo Crossword and

The Times quiz

JUMBO

See it all Your complete guide to seven days of TV films for the holiday

What a show! A critical eye on the Christmas productions and pantomimes

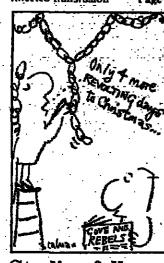
Self-destruction Julian Haviland asks if the Tories will continue to shoot themselves in the foot

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was day. Mr Benjamin Plant, of Taverham, Norfolk, Mr Roger Palmer, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and Mrs Christine Bailey of Cobham, Surrey, each received £666.66p. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.

56 patients in peril from Aids

Forty-one people in England and Wales and 15 in Scotland have been exposed to the danger of contracting the fatal disease Aids, through blood transfusions from two different sources. A baby was born with Aids antibodies in his system after the mother received an infected transfusion



Lynn Fa

Sterling falls to \$1.1663

The pound had another weak dropping 77 points against the dollar to a new low of \$1.1663. The sterling index, which measures the pound's average value, fell 0.3 to 73.0, its lowestever level. Sterling's weakness resulted mainly from oil price

Belgrano killing

The Home Office is to investigate a Labour MP's allegation that British intelligence officers murdered a woman while searching for documents concerning the sinking of the General Belgrano Page 2

Libya prisoners

As the Foreign Office awaited further news of an Englishwo-man held in Libya for 14 months, an English teacher made his second court appear ance in Tripoli

Opec delay

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has shel-any decision on a new oil pricing struture and a code for its members until December 27 Earlier report, page 17

Leader page, 15. Letters: On drugs, from Mr M Sutton, and others; land recla-mation, from Mr D E Randall. articles: Thatcher's Year; the Economy;

the Gillick case. Features, pages 12-14 Anita Desai on the Sikh-Hindu roft: Tony Harrison, a voice for the inarticulate; David Watt on

arms complexities. Spectrum: the black market in Aling and Tang: Friday Page: in praise of

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Wilmers, QC. Dr Frank Wild.

Civil Aviation Bill shelved until Stansted decision

abandoned its Civil Aviation minister to put a limit on the Bill in the face of insuperable number of flights at London's pressure from opponents in its

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, argued that the Bill, if passed, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Sec-MPS on the Bill's standing committee had twice prevented it from being discussed, the Government proposed that further consideration of it should be postponed until ministers had taken a decision on the proposed expansion of Stansted airport in Essex.

MPs yesterday expected the Bill to return in its present form unless the Government were to accept without qualification the planning inspector's proposal that Stansted should be developed to handle 15 million passengers a year as soon as possible. This possibility is seen at Westminster as growing steadily more-

Mr Peter Snape, chief Labour spokesman on transport, said that the decision was a unique humiliation for Mr Ridley which, with a little common-

and his colleagues have main-tained. But it provides, among said unequivocally that he was runway extension at Cardiff.

Heseltine

facing

inquiry on

Levene

By Philip Webster

Political Reporter

Secretary of State for Defence,

and Mr Peter Levene, his new

Chief of Defence Procurement

are likely to be summoned before a senior Commons

committee in the new year amid

all-party disquiet over Mr

This emerged at Westminster

last night after a Commons row

over Mr Levene and his

replacement as head of United

Scientific Holdings, a big defence contractor, by Sir Frank

Cooper, former Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of

Defence, during which Mr Neil Kinnock remarked: "The whole

appointment and everything

The Commons Select Com-

mittee on Desence earlier this

year investigated Mr Heseltine's

reorganisations plans. Member

said last night that they had

been given no inkling of the impending appointment of Mr

Levens or the creation of a new

post of Chief of Defence

Equipment Collaboration, for

the man he replaces. Mr David

Perry.
Committee members are

bound to raise other issues that

continued to worry MPs of all

parties yesterday, including the

effect on civil service morals of

the appointment, Mr Levene's

high salary and fears of conflict

of interest in the appointment

of Sir Frank Cooper.

During furious exchanges with Mr John Biffen, the Commons leader, who was

standing in for the Prime

China are flooding the Western

art market. Prices plummeted

in many areas at Christie's and

week and dealers report that

they can find buyers only for

Since the Communists gained

control in 1949 there has been

only a trickle of minor antiqui-

ties out of China through

government controlled chan-

nels. Now ceramics and bronzes

extreme rarities.

connected with it stinks."

Teache 2 controver

a year appiontment.

Mr Michael Heselline, the

The Government yesterday other things, powers for the withdrawing the Bill in its

connection between the Bill and

the decision on airports policy

was bound to exasperate his

where residents fear increased

sion. Sir Humphrey Atkins, Conservative member for Spel-

thorne, said that millions of

minister to honour the Govern-ment's promise to limit devel-

same point. Mr Ridley replied

gave the go-ahead for new

"I know you are anxious that

From 1997 on they will be

issued some new form of

pseudo-British travel docu-

able to their children. The issue

has caused much more bitter-

ness in Hong Kong than the

agreement on transfer of sover-

Mrs Thatcher said Britain would "explain" to other countries the validity of the

future travel document.
She added: "Premier Zhao

Zivang told me that in the

drafting of the basic law (Hong

Kong's future constitution). the

views of Hong Kong's people would be solicited on a wide basis up till 1990." This is

evidently the date China has set

Mrs Thatcher said the agree

ment laid down the principles of free enterprise, free-trade

policies and a free port. with free transer of capital funds in

and out of the territory before

"Hong Kong is a going concern with a future stretching

into the next century and beyond." She paid tribute to the

The material flowing out of

China is mostly repetitive and

made at Henan during the Song dynasty (960-1271 a.d.) lightly

and after 1997.

years ago.

spoke to China's top leaders in PPpatience and forbearance" of

itself for drafting of the law.

the new passport after 1997.

Mr Toby Jessel, Conservative

main airport, Heathrow, and own as well as in Opposition other airports owned by the ranks.

Opposition other airports owned by the British Airports Authority. Walden, who is a leader in the campaign to prevent large-scale expansion at Stansted, said that argued that the Bill, if passed, Mr Ridley's persistent state-would preempt the decision on ments that there was no

Stansted which ministers expect to make in the late spring or Ministers reflected yesterday that the autumn sitting of Parliament, which ends today, anger of MPs representing has been dismal for them. constitutencies near Heathrow

In addition to Mr Patrick Jenkin's torment this week in noise from its unlimited expanmons to defend the cuts in local authority expenditure, there has been Sir Keith Joseph's defeat Londoners were looking for the by the sheer weight of Con-servative hostility on the question of student grants, and yesterday the frustration of Mr Ridley by an alliance of MP for Twickenham, made the members on either side of the

Mr Ridley's manner of fault of those who had frusconceding defeat was such as to trated the Bill's progress in lose him support even among committee. those who approved of his . The Government yesterday

Mr John Wilkinson, Con- capital projects at 11 council-The Civil Aviation Bill has Northwood, and chairman of England and Wales. They no formal connection with the backbench aviation composite report, as Mr Ridley mittee, said that it would have the backbench aviation composite report, as Mr Ridley mittee, said that it would have the backbench aviation composite report, as Mr Ridley mittee, said that it would have the backbench aviation composite a support and a said that it would have the backbench aviation composite a support and a support a support and a support and a support and a support a support a support a support and a support a

Thatcher assures

Hong Kong people

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said that for their part, the agree-last night that reaction in Hong ment would be faithfully imple-

sion to China seemed to be other countries may not accept

leading citizens at Government documents which will be issued

House, she told me: "Think to the two-million or so Hong

how it would have been if we Kong citizens. Under terms of had not started this process two the 1981 Nationality Act, they years ago. It would have been have no automatic right of very difficult now."

Executive and Legislative pseudo-British travel docu-Councils, the Prime Minister ment, but their "British"

said: "We have over 12 years to citizenship will not be transfer-

Hong Kong

Photograph

At a reception for some 500 This was a reference to travel

Kong to the Sino-British agree- mented.

ment on the territory's rever-

in an address to an unpre-

cedented joint session of the

prepare together for the changes

which lie ahead. I believe that

She arrived yesterday from

Peking, where she signed the eighty.

you will rise to the challenge."

agreement under which Hong Kong will revert to Chinese

sovereignty as a special ad-

ministrative region in 1997.

Today she will hold a press

conference before leaving for

The Hong Kong public

reacted with calm to the signing

of the agreement, having known

for several months what it

would contain. It allows for the

territory to retain its capitalist

system and British-style laws

However, it is thought inevi-table that a considerable num-ber of people will leave in the

intervening period if they can find countries to take them.

Mrs Thatcher told the joint

session of the two councils that

the Hong Kong people's econ-omic success in the post-war

period was so striking that "our

prime commitment could only

The Prime Minister, who

Chinese art treasures flood West

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Art treasures smuggled out of unofficially - on a massive New York and London were left

Small scale smuggling is said

to have begun about four years ago through Macao to Hong Kong, and most of the material

was quickly absorbed by Hong

for \$10, the average monthly wage, and sold in the West for

A pot can be bought in China

This autumn the flow of

material has turned into a flood.

Roughly half the lots in

Kong's busy antiques trade.

up to \$400,000.

from newly discovered burial Roughly half the lots in sites are flowing out of China - Christie's December auctions in

Continued on back page, col 4 Peking, said: "They assured me, the people of Hong Kong

be to them".

for fifty years after 1997.

the United States.

"good, very good".

'Best possible Christmas present'



Mrs Gillick: A victory smile outside the Law Courts. Photograph: John Manning

Miners in Notts vote out rule

By Craig Seaton

Nottinghamshire miners' crucial blow to the National Union of Mineworkers by voting through rule changes the authority and discipline of the national body.

The "separatist" move by the

Nottinghamshire Area Council of the NUM was the outcome of 10 months of bitter division between the moderate, working coalfield and the left-dominated national executive. It went ahead less than 24 hours after the national union failed to gain a temporary High Court injunction to stop the change. Its legality will be tested at a full

hearing next year.
Mr Ray Chadburn, the
Nottinghamshire NUM president, denied yesterday that the area had set up an independent, breakaway union, but conceded that the national executive would react with "utmost concern." He said: "It is of paramount importance that I prevent at all costs, any breakaway in Nottingham-

The area council meeting of mandated delegates in Mans-field agreed by 27 votes to 4 to remove Rule 30 which states that where there are conflicts between national and area rules "the rules of the national union shall apply". It becomes effeclive on January 1.

Moderate officials in Nottinghamshire, where most miners have defied the strike, were convinced that the change was essential to protect the area from the "star chamber" disci-pline the national executive was preparing for those who broke ranks during the strike. Nottinghamshire miners voted overwhelmingly for the rule change

in many fields have dropped to around 20 per cent of levels five

Union stays defiant as fine seized

By David Felton Labour Correspondent

Britain's largest union is set to continue its policy of refusing to co-operate with the Government's employment legislation even if the TUC has a change of heart in a review to be undertaken in the new year.

Mr Ronald Todd, general secretary elect of the Transport and General Workers Union. confirmed that a £200,000 contempt fine which it had refused to pay had been collected by the Queen's Remembrancer, a High Court official, together with substantial costs. The fine was imposed because the union refused to call off a strike at Austin Rover to allow a ballot to be held.

Mr Todd, said yesterday that his union's policy would remain unchanged, at least until the delegate conference in the summer at which he would be very surprised" if the union changed its mind on the employment legislation. He was speaking against a

background of growing pressure from centre and right-wing union leaderships for a re-appraisal of the TUC position of opposing the legislation in view of recent court actions brought by employers.

He told labour and industrial correspondents: "We are not prepared to succumb to the agreement by the unions to recognize the legislation would be tantamount to agreeing to the Government's objective of rendering the unions impotent.
"Sometimes you have to

stand up and fight and if you've got a bloody nose and have taken a beating in round 14 that might be time to reconsider but you don't do that in round two, on pithead ballots.

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Wr Todd added.

Budget Day is March 19 Budget Day will be March 19. "just to be helpful," officials

a few days later than in each of said. The convention has been the last four years but two or for the Leader of the Commons customary in the 1970s

nearly three months in advance.

three weeks earlier than was to announce it after the Christmas recess.

in mid-January.

decorated with leaf sprays, used to fetch £15,000 or more. There What is unusual is the were five at Christie's last week decision by the Treasury to expenditure from 1985-86 to with a top price of £4,752 and make the date known yesterday, 1987-88 is due to be published

Dust and adrenalin on Gandhi campaign trail

two unsold at £1,200.

From Trevor Fishlock Amethi, Uttar Pradesh "Come on", Mr Gandhi says. "Let's go for a cup of

He strides smartly off the road and heads for the village tea stall, pied-pipering 2 chanting, jostling, excited crowd. It has been like this, in village after village, all the way across the dusty plain. Mr Gandhi is having the time of

his life, riding the Rajiv wave. Though short of sleep after so many 2 am rallies, he is bright-eyed and in good humour, living on advenage, confident of overwhelming victory and a solid mandate for

into little red clay cups. Mr Gandhi holds informal court in a space in the crowd. "Here", he says, handing me a cup, have some tea." Everyone needs plenty of tea to wash down the dust, for Mr Gandhi's princely progress through his sprawling constituency is gritty

saunterer be. He marches through villages at a determined light-infantry pace. and enthusiastic people trot and run behind him, kicking up a plume of dust that rises like smoke from a signal fire. Men cheer and boys shout.

Women look at the handsome

leader, and grey grandfathers, resting on their sticks, nod

passes. Scampering dogs join in the fun goats scatter and camels look round to see what all the fess is about. Mr. Gandhi has a winner's

demeanour. He is dressed in white tunic and trousers, 2 bine-edged scarf around his neck, sandals on his feet. His eyes, which can have a reflective and broading quality, are now shining and excited, his security men are watchful, but he is remarkably accessible and answers questions from reporters who fall in step with him at the head of the crowd.

People press letters and petitions on him and he talks to everyone who engages him. This is one of the ways in vital, and people need to feel that they can get close to their

Yes, he says to questioners, bringing peace to the troubled state of Punjab is a priority. He looks forward to making a Peniab intitiative after the election. Yes, non-aignment will remain a foreign policy

He feels he is winning the election because "We" giving hope to the people". He gives a broad smile when someone asks if he consulted an astrologer and says a firm no. Does he feel elated? He pounces on the word. "Yes", he says, "elated". Continued on back page, col 1



Rajiv Gandhi: Elated

Appeal Court win for mother in pill battle

Doctors were yesterday barfrom prescribing contraceptives to girls under 16 without their parents' consent.

In a unanimous judgment, the court ruled that Department of Health guidance to doctors that in exceptional cases they can prescribe the pill without consulting the girl's parents, was unlawful.

And in a decision that represents at least a temporary rictory for the six-year campaign by Mrs Victoria Gillick, the Roman Catholic mother of 10 from Wisbech in Cambridgeshire, for parents to have the absolute right to be consulted, the court granted that none of her children be given any contraceptive, abortion advice or treatment without her consent, save in an emergency or after a court order.

Mrs Gillick yesterday greeted the judgment as "the best Christmas present for millions of families there could possibly have been". But the Department of Health, which was granted leave to appeal, is thought likely to take the case to the House of Lords. Ministers expected to make a statement to Parliament today, and the department said it was considering whether it now had to withdraw its guidance.

Family planning and chil-dren's organizations yesterday gave a warning that unless the judgment was reversed there would be more unwanted teenage pregnancies and abor-

The British Medical Association said: "We think parents are less likely, not more likely, to find out about early sexual activity because girls simply won't go to their doctors and there will be no-one responsible trying to get the parents involved". Under-age sex would not stop because of the ruling and the association feared an increase in unwanted preg-

The BMA said it was taking urgent legal advice to discover

whether doctors already providing contraceptives to under-age girls had now to tell their parents, or could wait on the department's decision on ar

appeal.
The Children's Legal Centre said the judgment removed young people's right to consent to treatment, and denied them a confidential relationship with their doctor. "Young people may well no longer dare to consult a doctor when they need one". A jubilant Mrs Gillick, however, said the judgment was "almost too good to be true. It is a real shot in the arm for all those parents who thought

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"Doctors have done an awful lot of damage to families and the health of young girls. I just hope the BMA will now work with parents to look after their children properly, rather than work against them".

She did not believe the ruling would mean more unwanted pregnancies. "Unwanted pregnancies occur when children try to look after themselves". She believed most doctors would "heave a huge sigh of relief" that the General Medical Council's ruling that doctors could face disciplinary action if they broke confidentiality and told a girl's parents against her wishes, now appeared to be "more or less null and void".

Giving judgement, Lord Justice Parker said people could hold strong and sincere views about whether doctors should prescribe contraceptives to children under 16 without the parents' knowledge. But the appeal was concerned only with the legal position.
In law, he said, a girl under

16 could give no valid consent, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's chief social services spokesman, last night called on the Government to legislate to override the court's decision.

Gorbachov offers Britain big trade opportunities British trade specialists were likely increase in business in the

vesterday feeling particularly buoyed at the prospect of vastly increased business with the Soviet Union, after a speech in London by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the leader of the Soviet delegation to Britain. Lord Jellicoe, chairman of

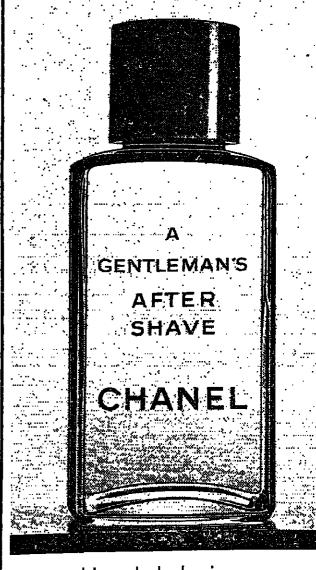
the British Overseas Trade Board, said afterwards: "The climate for Soviet-UK trade is better now than for a very long

Mr Gorbachov told businessmen and bankers that he and Mrs Thatcher had assessed the

and 50 per cent.

He charted the decline of British sales to his country, from a time when Britain had been the principal western supplier. After mentioning bids that were being drawn up by large corporations, such as John Brown Engineering, Davy McKee and ICI, in chemicals and agriculture, he added that there would now be "great opportunities not only for large but small and medium-sized British companies".

Gorbachov's day, page 6



Un splash de rigueur

FOR GENTLEMEN

Home Office to investigate Dalyell's murder claim over Belgrano documents

Allegations that an elderly woman was murdered by British intelligence officers whom she caught searching her home for sensitive documents on the sinking of the Argentine Cruiser, General Belgrano, are to be examined by the Home

The startling claim was made carly yesterday in the Commons by Mr Tom Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, who has unremittingly questioned the Government about the sinking.

The body of the woman, Miss H.ilda Murrell, aged 78, an international rose expert, was found three days after she died in March, about six miles from her home in Shrewsbury.

There were signs of a break-in and struggle at the house where, Mr Dalyell said, intelligence officers may have believed Miss Murrell kept documents about the Belgrano affair deposited with her by her nephew Commander Rob Green, who had held a key position in naval intelligence during the Falklands War and passed the signal ordering the sinking.

Commander Green, who thought the war unnecessary and has since left the Navy, was not available at his home in Dorset to comment on the Dalyell allegations, though it is understood that he did not deposit documents with

West Mercia police said

published new guidelines on the

work of the Special Branches,

which have been issued to

police forces throughout Eng-

activities, which include the gathering of political intelli-

terrorism, espionage and sub-

version, have been subject to

controversially secret guidance prepared by police chiefs in

The publication of the guide-

lines, which have taken a year

to prepare, coincides with the

investigation of the Special

Branch by the Commons home

kept on individual people and

say it is important that only

information relevant to the

organizations should not under

any circumstances be collected

on the basis of race or creed."

Data on individuals or

specific work is

affairs select committee.

Until now Special Branch

New guidelines for

Special Branch

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

gathering of political intellicial firms or to employers gence and helping to combat organizations."

Apart from detailing the provide room for a whole Special Branches' functions, the number of questions which are

such a person or organization the guidelines when he appears

supports unpopular causes or before the select committee in

n the basis of race or creed." the new year. Meanwhile, Information on individuals Labour MPs on the committee

new guidelines cover records of important public interest."

The Home Office yesterday false or misleading impression"

yesterday that there was no evidence to support the allegations and the Shrewsbury.

Miss Murrell but she had returned home to find intruders. coroner. Colonel David Crawford-Clarke, who recorded a "Being a lady of courage and verdict of unlawful killing, described them as "utter generation Miss Murrell had

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office, said yesterday that Mr Dalyell's claims, made as MPs sat all from hypothermia, and the night debating the Consolidated cover-up had to begin because Fund Bill, a technical measure the searchers were members of which allows them to raise British intelligence; I am inalmost any topic, would be formed.

given full consideration. Mr Dalyell told The Times that although he was satisfied with this undertaking he ultimately wanted a select committee of privy councillors to consider the operation of the

Mr Dalyell, who refused to disclose his sources, said last night: "Before the police or the coroner issued their denials they should have read my speech in

He added: "I do not wish to advance any theory why Miss Murrell's body was found six miles from her home. Nor does it make any difference that Commander Green did not lodge any documents with her it her home was broken into. The circumstances of Miss Murrell's death have not been explained. Mr Dalyell said he was given to understand that there was no premeditated intention to kill

The guidelines add: "Access to information held by Special Branch should be strictly limited to those who have a

particular need to know. Under

no circumstances should infor-

mation be passed to commer-

But last night Mr David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall, North, and a leading

member of the select committee

investigating the Special Branch, criticized the guidelines

for giving too much discretion

are pleased these guidelines have been published, but they

He said the Special Branch

was given too much discretion

about what constituted a threat

to public order, and he was not certain why it should be

involved in the area of naturali-

Mr Leon Brittain, the Home

zation and immigration.

"I and my Labout colleagues

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Mr Dalyeli went on

Murrell was attacked by a burglar looking for cash.

Dalyell's claims said yester-day: "Allegations of this nature

have been fully investigated by

the force, and these particular lines of inquiry are not being

pursued further at the moment

No evidence has come to light

which has substantiated these

Policy on

black homes

attacked

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard,

yesterday criticized the city

council for what he called its

"all talk, no action" policy on racism, after the release of a

report on housing and black

people.
The four-year study by the Commission for Racial Equality, showed that black people in

the inner city Liverpool live in

poorer housing than whites and that out of 754 council housing

officers only six are black.

The bishop said: "I was disturbed to find that the city

counil had not introduced

detailed monitoring of housing

Liverpool City Conneil's chief executive, Mr Alfred Stocks, said that many ofthe

• The commission's first such

study, in Hackney, east London, where the council had already adopted policies to reduce racial discrimination,

families three times more likely

to be offered a flat or maiso-

nette rather than a house (Pat

would be accepted.

recommendations

A police statement on Mi



Games galore: Mr Hall working on a car repair.

Miner repairs toys for parties

By Peter Davenport

Of all efforts being made to ensure the best possible Christmas for the children of striking

They have been wrapped for miners, few can equal the dedication of Mr Tom Hall's

For six hours a day, four days a week for months past he has been working with a soldering iron, miniature tools and paint pots repairing, repainting and cleaning hun-dreds of second-hand toys collected by a women's action

The living room of his home in Sprotborough Road, Don-caster, has been transformed

Clergy unites to

By Paul Valleley

Durham gave his controversial ers has lost.

came to similar conclusions, with white families more than calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches, that involvement has accelerated conversely to be calendar approaches.

Clerical attitudes to the

compassion of this woman who

parishioners that they should

delivered

on time

By Edward Townsend

Industrial Correspondent

of St Francis on her lips."

Even before the Bishop of National Union of Minework-

parts of the country. wrongs of the dispute our
As the second most import. Christian duty is to alleviate

dispute are far from homo-raised for the Durham strikers' Toys and Turkeys Appeal has

geneous. The vicar of Eppleton, the Rev John Stephenson, with his "Coal not dole," stickers and CND badges on his anklelength cassock, has declared his church a nuclear-free zone and rails against the "lack of Comparison of this waren who many of the ministers have

compassion of this woman who came into office with the prayer contacts all over the country

His near neighbour, the Rev pounds directly into the hands brian Pateman, vicar of Murton, on the other hand, conditionally and channelled unoussaids of pounds directly into the hands of strikers with particular ton, on the other hand, conditionally applied to the strikers with particular and the strikers with the st

demns the strike as "unnecess- the social security authorities ary" and has told his striking are concerned, that is illegal, so

get back to work immediately. gifts so there can be no in the vicarages of Durham repercussions," one vicar told there are all shades of opinion me.

What most of the area's Murton, where the vicar main-

commitment to practical aid to collections have been allowed

are in hardship. In private, local Many miners' support groups officials of the National Coal in the area are based officially

ministers share, however, is a tains his anti-strike mess

strikers and their families who for strikers' families.

preaching into practice. More than £20,000 of the £54,000

Many of the ministers have

and channelled thousands of

we do not keep records of such

Even in Holy Trinity at

aid families

group in the pit village of

Bentley, near Doncaster, in the

Yorkshire coalfield.

He helps out at the food kitchen and was there one day when two damaged games were handed in for miners' children. party tomorrow for up to 400 "Someone mentioned that I children at a park pavilion used as a meal kitchen for striking used to be good at repairing toys and games for my own children and I volunteered to do

Bentley. More of Mr Hall's them. It sort of snowballed from there and there were so many in the end that I couldn't handiwork will go to other parties in the area Mr Hall, aged 50, a miner at Bentley colliery for 22 years. has been on strike throughout the dispute. Recently he had to have the little finger of his right

move in my living room. "My satisfaction will come when I watch the children's faces as they open their hand amputated as a result of presents and see the toys. That an accident at work and it made will make it all worthwhile," Mr Hall said.

Showpiece pit cuts coal again.

National Coal Board officials held a press conference enthronement sermon on the "That sort of thing cannot be miners' strike, the Anglican a consideration for us," the Rev yesterday to announce pre-duction of coal for the first time clergy in his diocese had taken a Anthony Hodgson, vicar of more active role in the dispute Easington colliery. Whatever than their brethren in other are our views on the rights and in 10 months at their showpiece

billion Selby complex, began producing on Wednesday, the third pit in the Yorkshire coalfield to cut coal since the dispute started. The 105 men working comprise only 15 per cent of the total workforce, and they are producing about 150

tonnes of coal a day.
Officials said that they were confident production would increase substantially in the new year, when they expect many more NUM members to

Statistics show that just over 3,000 NUM members, out of a total workforce of 50,000, are working in the Yorkshire coalfield, and producing about 5.000 tonnes a week.

Nationally, the NCB say that 69,000 NUM members are working - 37 per cent of the total union membership - and coal is being produced at 66 collierie. Only 26 of the country's 174 pits have 100 per

cent style support.
Coal production is rising slowly and is presently running at 600,000 tonnes a week.

a vov.vov tollies a week.
David Hamilton, aged 34, an NUM delegate, was yesterday cleared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of attacking a working miner, after he said he acted in self-defence.

Board regret the commitment or unofficially, in local churches on the grounds that it can only with vicars' wives often taking a prolong a strike which many of prominent role in the daily soup Finance and industry, page 17 the clerics now consider the kitchens Ship almost

working methods and he believed that within the next two
years the yard might have
narrowed the gap with its Far
East rivals
A new delivery date for the

was satisfied with the quality of the new ship. Swan Hunter was improving its productivity all the time as a result of new ago, after discussions with the quality of A new delivery date for the deliver straight after Christman and I think that holding our programme to within a few days is no mean achievement."

regions to be reduced

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services

Hech authorities in England are to receive an extra £530 million next year that will provide growth in real terms for 10 of the 14 regions, but reductions in spending of up to 0.3 per cent in real terms for the four Thames regions.

Overall the national budget will rise by 5.5 per cent in cash terms, ranging from 6.8 per cent in the Trent region to 4.2 per cent in two of the four Thames

Health authorities have al-ready been warned, however, that they will have to fund any pay increases above the Government's 3 per cent limit from the allocations announced Mr Norman Fowler, Secrea-

try of State for Social Services said that the increases would vary "because we are continuresources between different parts of the country.

"As a result I have been able

to give bigger revenue increases to regions which are relatively deprived or which have rapidly growing population.

In addition, he said, cost improvement programmes were-now showing "substantial" benefits and the Government was expecting the new general managers to "extend and develop them rigorously next year. As a result authorities should be able to develop services faster than the cash

growth figures imply."

Extra money for capital spending should come from sales of surplus land and residential accommodation which health authorities have been asked to identify.

Health ministers also nounced yesterday that authorities are being asked to set a target of treating at least 40 new kidney patients per million population by 1987. In 1983, .846 new patients were treated a rate of 33 per million

Mr John Patten, Parliamentary Secretary for Health, said that the preferred method of treatment was transplantation, and after the launch of a kidney donor campaign in February the number of transplants had risen by 40 per cent in six months.

HEALTH SPENDING IN ENGLAND 1985/86

Appeal ruled out for mother who killed son

A mother jailed for the murder of her 14-year-old son is to continue serving a life sentence after a Home Office decision that there are no new grounds for an appeal against

An investigation into the murder, which occurred in 1979, was ordered after a BBC

TV programme "Rough Justice claimed that Mrs Margaret Livesey, aged 48, did not have time to commit the killing.

But after the six-month inquiry which looked again at the evidence and re-interviewed witnesses Mr David Mellor, a junior Home Office Minister,

Spending in GLC snubs Tilling to 4 health: Government move to veto lorry ban

Musilini

By Hugh Claytor

The Greater London Council yesterday brushed aside a government threat to veto its plan to ban lorries from most roads in the capital at night and weekends.

The Labour-led council's transport committee voted by 12 to six to go ahead with the ban next June, even if the Government held a public inquiry into the scheme.

in a letter to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport the committee said it would not accept as lawful any government attempt to inquiry. The legal argument centres around the council's statutory obligation to ensure the speedy and safe movement

Mr Ridley told the council last week it had not given satisfactory answers to the people who sent 3,600 letters opposing the ban and had not published enough about its costs and benefits.

The council retorted yester day that it could produce a pile of published documents more than four feet high for Mr Ridley to study. It refused to hold a public inquiry itself, but accepted that it could not prevent the Government from holding one.

Women refused cheaper loans

The Northern Bank, the Midland Bank subsidiary in Ulster, has been discriminating uniawfully between male and female employees when grant-ing cheap mortgages and low interest loans.

The Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland has sustained complaints that favourable loans at below market rates were refused to normally granted to married

Tebbit visits staff party

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry paid an unexpected vistit to his department in London yesterday and exchanged gifts with his staff at a Christmas party. Mr Tebbit, aged 53, who was

badly injured in the Brighton bomb explosion, was said by a department spokesman, to be "in cracking form".

Unions merge

The 7,500-strong Association of Patternmakers and Allied Craftsmen officially merged with AUEW/Tass, the engineering union's white collar sector, yesterday. The association will keep its identity and will be known as the Craft (Patternmakers) section of Tass.

Legion disease Two cases of Legionnaire's

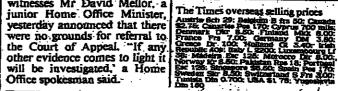
Disease were yesterday con-firmed in Lanarkshire. A Cambuslang man in his 50s is in the intensive care unit at Hairmyes Hospital. East Kil-bride. A 45-year-old Carluke man is in a "comfortable" condition in Law Hospital.

£480,000 haul

Two armed raiders escaped with £480,000 in cash yesterday when they attacked a security van laden with Christmas pay packets, in Oldham, Greater Manchester.

Correction

The baked beans factory at North Walsham, Norfolk, mentioned yesterday, is that of HP, not Heinz



Radar spy system may be based in Britain By Our Defence Correspondent

A long-range radar system, which can see over the horizon and greatly improve surveillance of the strategically important waters of Norway, could be based in Britain.

project, but after a question was tabled in Parliament earlier this month, Mr Adam Butler, month, Mr Adam B

Scientists from Britain and the United States have worked system would probably be not code-named "Cold Witness". In Britain is understood to be March, The Times reported the finding at Heathrow airport of a list of names and addresses of improve the surveillance of the

relephone kiosk

Britain is understood to be people involved in the highly important sea passages between confidential project, which had Greenland and the Faeroe been accidentally left in a islands, and areas around the Kola Peninsula where some of

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The Ministry of Defence has the USSR's most important so far refused to discuss the bases are located.

Tribunal for police chief pointed by the Derbyshire

The suspended Derbyshire Chief Constable, Mr Alf Parrish, will face charges under police diciplinary regulations before a private, independent tribunal, probably in February or March or March

police authority to present the allegations at the tribunal, said yesterday that no details of the charges, or how many there were could be given. The tibunal will comprise Mr

or March.

Mr Parrish, aged 54, was suspended on full pay in June assessors, the former Chief after it was alleged that he spent Constable of Surrey. Sir Peter £28,000 on his office suite Matthews, and the former chief without authorization.

The London solicitors Titmuss, Sainer and Webb, ap
Prentice.

Councillor's law-defying timetable

By Our Local Government

Mr John McDonnell, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, yesterday became the first prominent Labour councillor to set a clear timetable for breaking the law next year in defiance of Government policy.

Many other councillors have said that the law may be broken next year when the Labour movement pursues its policy of "non-compliance" with rate-capping. But Mr McDonnell made it clear in an article in Tribune yesterday, that he did not want his council to fix the rate by the March deadline, when it will be required to do so by law. No such deadline applies to most of the 15 other Labour-led authorities chosen for rate-capping next year.

■ The Labour-led Association gave warning yesterday that the latest government housing cuts might make it impossible for councils to fulfil their new legal obligation to buy back former council homes bought by their tenants, and now officially

Kinnock's bad year according to poll

his party, according to an opinion poll published last

weekly political programme, places Mr Kinnock firmly in fourth place behind his party rivals, Mrs Margaret Thatcher,

Dr David Owen and Mr David

Even more ominous for M Kinnock is the belief that Labour will fall behind the Alliance and be the leas successful party in 1985, while the Conservatives roar ahead.
And that despite the poll showing 69 per cent of those interviewed expect unemployment to rise in the next 12 months.

poll sample believing she has had a good 1984. Dr Owen and

should, where possible, be are likely to press for the authenticated and "not give a inquiry to be extended.

By Our Lobby Reporter

The year 1984 has been a Mr Steel, leaders of the Alliance grim one for Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and 1985 neck in terms of success, with looks like being even worse for identical numbers - 27 per cent his party, according to an thinking they have had a good

opinion poll published last right.

Fewer than 25 per cent of those interviewed think that the Labour leader has had a "good year", while two-thirds positively believe the opposite. The poll, conducted for Cantrol they will be better than 1985. Thirty-nine per cent think that the poll, conducted for Cantrol they will be better the poll. poll, conducted for Central they will be better off, 32 per Lobby, Central Television's cent believe they will be worse weekly political programme, off, and 24 per cent think 1985

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In contrast, Mrs Thatcher' performance continues to be highly regarded, with half the

1985. Thirty-nine per cent think they will be better off, 32 per will be much the same as 1984. QUESTION: In your view has 1984

been a good year for:

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Firecracker may re-bid on RAF deal

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The only British-designed aircraft among four which are competing to become the next basic trainer for the Royal Air Force is likely to submit a revised bid, even though it appeared to have been eliminated by the Ministry of

On Tuesday, Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, announced that two of the contenders for the £200 million contract had been invited to submit "best and final" offers. They are British Aerospace. with the Swiss Pilatus PC9 and Shorts of Belfast, wht the Brazilian Embraer Tucano.

However, it emerged yesterday that although the other two contenders had not been invited

to submit new bids, if they chose to they would be considered on their merits. A spokesman for Hunting Fire-cracker, the only British-designed contender, said it was extremely likely they would make another bid.

performance that had led to them not being invited to retender. It appeared that the PC9 and the Tucano offered better value for money for better performance, although the Firecracker met all the RAF's performance specifi-

the PC9 nor the Tucano bids had to bear their full research and development costs.

Hunting Firecracker would be looking carefully at whether it could reduce its price sufficiently to make it worthwhile re-tendering. If there remained a difference over price this could be offset by the Government taking a royalty on export orders.

British Aerospace said the PC9 had all along been the only aircraft which fully met the RAF's needs and did so cost-effectively. It was the RAF's preferred choice. Of the equipment the British

Aerospace PC9, 80 per cent quoted for the Tucano. The price of the PC9 was only slightly more than the original Tucano bid, but it was cheaper to run and gave lower life-cycle

The replacement for the Atlantic Conveyor, the container ship sunk during the Falkiands war, began its sea trials last night and will be Cunard, after Christmas, only a few days after the amended delivery date. At a press conference precedng the trials, however, Mr Bill

Slater, chairman of Cunard Shipping Services, said that if it had not been for the public outcry and government intervention when the order was being placed, in the summer of 1982, the company would have gone to a Far East yard and would have had the ship a year After the personal inter-vention of Mrs Thatcher, Cunard gave the £50 million

contract to the state-owned Swan Hunter yard on Tyneside. The new ship, twice as big as its predecessor, has provided almost two years' work for 1,000 Mr Slater said that Cunard



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56 exposed to Aids after getting transfusions of contaminated blood

and Wales are having medical check-ups after receiving blood products from an Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) sufferer whose blood infected a baby, it was disclosed

Fifteen Scottish haemophiliac patients are also being examined after exposure to the virus which can cause Aids. They received blood transfusions from a different source.

There has been a renewed plea from Dr Donald Acheson, chief medical officer at the Department of Health, the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service and Dr Richard Tedder, a leading Aids researcher at the Middlesex Hospital, London, for those people who run the highest risk of harbouring the virus not to give blood.

sexuals, drug abusers and the sexual partners of either Dr Tedder said that Aids should not be regarded as a "gay" disease, because it could now affect the whole community.

Dr Acheson said last night: "I should like to stress that anyone The Department of Health United Kingdom, is who is advised to have a blood and Social Security said that all entirely self-sufficient transfusion or has been given a those exposed to Aids run some production of Factor 8

Hall ban on

Powell

broadcast

By Pat Healy

Race Relations

Correspondent

anti-racist groups at the pres-

ence of Mr Enoch Powell on the

panel of Radio Four's Any

Questions? programme tonight

has led to Toynbee Hall

withdrawing its invitation as

Mr John Profumo, chairman of the Toynbee Hall Centenary,

telephoned the producer Ms

Carole Stone, to say the

programme could not be held there because of worries about

sculement in the east end of

London, which has a high Asian population. Mr Profumo asked for the Any Questions? pro-gramme to be broadcast from

However, in his letter confirming the decision, Mr.

Profumo referred only to the

state of "internal decorations"

at Toynbee Hall not being

Tonight's programme will be

broadcast from Broadcasting

Powell will be joined on the panel by Mr David Steel, leader

of the Liberal Party, Lord Soper

Safety move

on skips

The Government yesterday announced moves to cut down

the risk of vehicles running into

huilding skips left in the road.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of

State for Transport, said that from 1986, skips left on the

highway must have flourescent and reflective safety markings,

identical in design to yellow and

red vertical stripes painted on the back of lorries.

Skips must be lit at night, but

lamps were often extinguished

pic gold medal swimmer, and his fiancie, Miss Anne Patter-

son (above) are to be married

on Christmas Eve. 14r Good-

hew, aged 27, met Anne, aged 25, of North Carolina, when a friend introduced them at East

For Mr Goodhew it was love

at first sight: "I could not

Similar legislation is to be

Croydon railway station.

or stolen, she said.

the venue for the broadcast.

the possibility of race riots. Toynbee Hall is a welfare

Toynbee Hall this year

completed in time.

and David Frost.

Fear of demonstrations by

blood transfusion should not risk of getting the disease. So far worry, because the risk of it is not known whether they getting contaminated blood is extremely small."

Even if a person had an antibody screening test which proved positive it did not mean that he or she would develop Aids, he said.
Dr Tedder is urgently work-

ing on a screening method, which should be widely available within six months, where-by blood transfusion centres will be able to detect signs of the virus in blood donations. If all 2.5 million donations made each year were screened it would greatly reduce the risk of

the virus being passed on.

A baby in Birmingham was born prematurely with the Aids antibodies in its system. Its mother had received an infected blood transfusion during preg-

A man, aged 78, who is terminally ill with cancer, and another man in his early forties, both from Portsmouth, also ve the Aids antibodies after receiving blood from the same batch.

have the antibodies because they have been fighting the virus which can lead to Aids, or because they have picked up the

donor's own antibodies. The donor, a man who live in Portsmouth, gave blood at a hospital in October and was later diagnosed as having Aids. Health officials traced all recipients of his blood and, using Dr Tedder's new screning method, identified the antibodies in the patient who had had the transfusions.

They have also traced 38 haemophiliaes in Wessex and with Factor 8, the blood-clottin agent, which contained bloom from the same donor. None of them has shown any signs of having clinical Aids. Health officials in Leeds and Birmingham, where the man pre-viously gave blood, have been

The cases in Scotland, which are not connected with the others, are surprising because Scotland, unlike the rest of the United Kingdom, is almost entirely self-sufficient in the



Cake winner: A Christmas cake in the guise of King Kong won first prize of £100 for Mrs Linda Dainty, in the Royal Institute of British Architects' Journal competition yesterday (Charles Knevitt, our Architecture Correspon-

dent writes). Among the entries, which numbered more than 50, was this (above) by Miss A. Waterston, of Little Thakeham, Storrington, West Sussex, a culinary version of her own house, being judged by Mrs José Manser, wife of Mr Michael Manser, RIBA president. The Royal Pavilion, Brighton, by

Miss Gabrielle Lane, was second, winning £50, and runners-up were the Beachy Head Lighthouse, and a riverside house at Crown Reach,

Miss Lucy Adden, aged seven, won

a chocolate button roof with Father Christmas disappearing down the

Other entries in the annual Christmas cake decorating competition, included the Leaning Tower of Piza, a Kent oasthouse, a detail of Sir Edwin Lutyens' Viceroy's Court at New Delhi, and the penguin pool at London

Zoo. (Photograph: John Voos).

Christmas sales pick up after slow start

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Christmas sales will be higher than last year, despite a slight slowdown in the rate of increase in retail spending. This is the key conclusion of the latest Confederation of British Indusry and Financial Times Distributive Trades Survey, held between November 20 and December 12.

The prediction was made despite a slow sales start. Christmas selling only began to pick up on the first Saturday in December. Reports from the high street shops now indicate Christmas selling is in full

swing.
The sales pattern looks like a carbon copy of 1979, when Christmas Day also fell on a Tuesday. There was a slow start then but final sales totals were

Mr John Salisse, chairman of the CBI's survey panel, said: "Retailers are still experiencing sales increases, although the rise has fallen off slightly since the autumn. The grocery sector is doing particularly well, especially wines. The mild weather has reduced sales of

winter clothing in November."

The improving sales pattern is leading to more jobs. Both retailers and wholesalers re-ported rises in both full-time ind part-time jobs.

Increased investment in shopping facilities was expected in most sectors, particularly among large chain stores the survey said. The notable excep-tions are the small independent shops which expect investment to decline.

However, the survey shows imported goods are taking a bigger share of the market than year ago. The exception is car sales, which have increased for the first time for several months. There are, neverthetraders that British goods are becoming more competitive, an example being clothing. Mr

Bill tightens rules on lawyers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

including disbarment from legal aid work or being made to repay fees, were published by the Lord Chancellor yesterday as part of to call in solicitors' files for a package of measures designed examination. It will have wider to give the legal consumer a disciplinary powers and be able better deal.

The proposals are contained its profe in the Administration of Justice committee. Bill, which includes measures to widen competition for conveyancing by ending the solicitors'

monopoly.

The Bill, which will have its second reading in January, strengthens the Law Society's

US opens

tare cuts

Department yesterday told

challenge a proposed reduction of 35 per cent in its New York-

London fares this winter, clearing the way for implemen-

tation of a controversial fare

an Apex fare, or a late purchase fare, of 378 dollars (about £324) round trip week-

days and 428 dollars (about

£366) round trip on weekends.

BA's current winter Apex fare is 579 dollars (£496) round trip weekdays and 619 dollars (£530) on weekends.

The fares, proposed by all carriers on the route, had been

blocked by the Government in

October because it wanted

assurances that the US

Government would not seek to prosecute British carriers if the

fares were challenged as "predatory" under US anti-

The British budget zirline Virgin Atlantic, had objected

that the lower fares were

designed to drive it out of

The United States' Justice

way for air

Tough new measures to deal powers to deal with complaints aid complaints tribunals are composed of past and present neluding disbarment from legal as well as ordering a solicitor members of the Legal Aid to remit all or part of his costs, the society's council will be able

> to appoint extra lay members to professional Another provision of the Bill tightens the procedures under which solicitors and barristers can be disbarred from legal aid

Grants cut

means fewer

concerts

By David Hewson

40 concerts next year because of a £280,000 cut in Arts Council

funds to the capital's four main

of the four, the London

Symphony Orchestra, the Royal

Philharmonic, the Philhar-

monic, and the London Philhar-

But 'Mr Luke Rittner, the council's secretary general, said yesterday that the £280,000 to be saved by withdrawing the

backing of one orchestra would now be taken from all four, in

proportion to their current level

M1 Rittner said that the

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counce would not publish the

special adviser, Mr Nez Dun-

can, on the four London

orchestras will have to gain advance approval of their

concert plans before receiving

Mr Ian Maclay, managing director of the RPO, said that

the cut would cost the company £59,000. "Much more worrying is what happens in the future'

Mr Maclays said. "We already have a programme for 1986-87 and now we understand that if it doesn't meet approval there

could be no grant for it." A spokesman said that each "lost" night at the Royal Festival Hall cost the Greater London Coun-

Man committed

Arts Council funds.

cil nearly £4,000.

stable, Bedfordshire.

grievous bodily harm.

Reporting restrictions were

From 1986, all four London

orchestras

The council had originally

state-subsidized orchestras.

Arts Correspondent

London stands to lose up to

work or ordered to cancel their Under the present rules, legal

trative body of the legal aid scheme. The committee refers complaints to the tribunals An official at the Lord

Chancellor's office said yester-day that the main reasons for change were doubts about the present procedure and its infrequent use. Most legal aid complaints are presently dealt with as professional complaints. The legal aid complaints tribunals have only sat on two cases in the past 12 years.

to jail for smuggling

A disabled man who attempted to smuggle 23 kilos of cannabis, with a street value of more than £60,000, into Britain concealed in the cushion of his wheelchair was jailed for six years at the High Court in Airdrie, Strathclyde, yesterday.

Sat Sethi, aged 49, of Maple Bridge, Stockport, near Man-chester, is paralysed in his arms and legs. His helper, Ravi Puri. aged 49, of Slough, Middlesex, was jailed for 30 months.

Cripple sent Eight jailed for £3m. Krugerrands fraud

described by a Central Criminal bullion dealers. The swindlers Court judge as "a grandiose and vicious scheme". led to jail sentences for seven men and a woman yesterday. Customs investigators discovered that the Mafia had put up £1 million 'to start the ball rolling", but the masterminds have not been

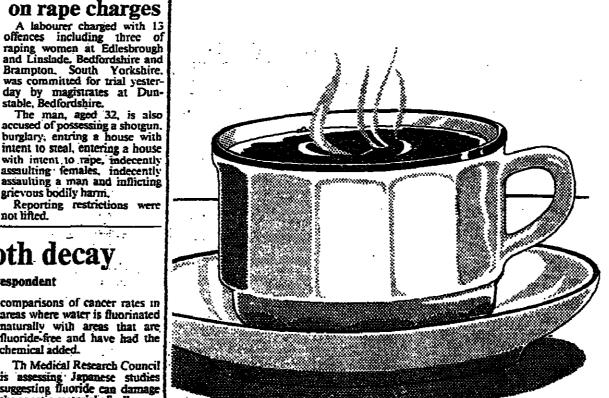
The money was used to set up several bogus companies and to buy £20 million Krugerrands which were smuggled into England from Jersey and Switwhich should have been paid in

kept more than £3 million

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Bill aims to prevent tooth decay By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

graph: Harry Kerr.)

Mr Goodhew was wearing

red shorts and socks and

tarquoise sneakers: "She didn't

know what to make of me," he

The wedding will be at

introduced its Bill to empower land. water authorities in England. The Government's move Wales and Scotland to add coincides with the report of a fluoride to water supplies to study chaired by Professor prevent tooth decay. The move George Knox, Professor of Social Medicine at Birmingham follows a ruling last year by the Scottish courts that Strathelyde, University, which has reviewed Regional Council had no power to add fluoride to the water for the Department of Health the evidence on whether adding supply.
While that ruling does not fluoride carries any additional

Christmas Eve wedding

risk of cancer apply outside Scotland, the Bill The report, which has not yet is intended to provide Scottish been published, is believed to water authorities with the power to add fluoride, and to ensure there is no doubt about the powers of the English and have found that adding the Welsh authorities and boards.

The finding is based on

The Government yesterday introduced for Northern Ire- comparisons of cancer rates in areas where water is fluorinated naturally with areas that are fluoride-free and have had the chemical added.

Th Medical Research Council is assessing Japanese studies suggesting fluoride can damage the genetic material of cells.

But British scientists have maintained that fluoride levels used in the Japanese studies are far higher than would result from fluoridating water.

however, to face fierce opposition from the anti-fluoridation

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Geoffrey

Smith

Mrs Thatcher will face a

peculiarly sensitive task in her

discussions in Washington tomorrow. For the first time

since the foundation of Nata-

there is the prospect of an-

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reasonable view of European

interests on a critical issue...

directly affecting the Nato area . .

During his visit to London this week Mr Gorbachov has

made it clear that his principal purpose has been to enlist

Britain in the diplomatic effort ...

to dissuade the Reagan Adam ministration from developing t its Strategic Defence Initiative.

or "star wars" scheme, as it is a better known. There must be no

arms race in space, so the

It is a conclusion with which ... the British Government has ...

much sympathy, though for: very different reasons from

But while the United States in:

tion in negotiations with the Soviet Union - neither side has imposed conditions for talking

- it would be surprising if the

Reagan Administration were

willing to renounce the whole idea of a defensive system

If I were an American, I suspect that I would share that o.

attitude. I might wonder about .. the practicality and cost of the .

scheme. I would hope that then

Administration would be re-in-

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Hold-up to Bill British intelligence murdered woman implementing Heathrow pledge

CIVIL AVIATION

The Government is proposing to postpone the committee stage of the Civil Aviation Bill until after a decision has been taken on whether to expand Stansted.

The Bill, which gives the Secretary of State for Transport power to limit aircraft in overnents at British Airports Authority acrodromes, was given a second reading on November 21 but rebel Conservatives have blocked its

Five years ago the Government promised it would impose a limit of 275,000 aucraft movements per

year at Heathrow.

Announcing the postponement to the Commons. Mr Nicholas Ridley. Secretary of State for Transport, said the Government was attempting to honour that pledge by bringing in the Bill.

Those who frustrated it in

Those who frustrated it in committee (he said) are those who must be blamed if it proves impossible to get the legislative powers to implement the limit.

In his statement Mr Ridley recalled that the Bill had a second reading majority of 78. However on two separate occasions, Tuesday December 18, the Standing Committee to which the Bill was committed had voted against the sittings motion. (This sets the times at which the committee will meet and failure to pass the motion effectively blocks consideration of the Bill.)

The Bill (he said) is required

whatever decisions are taken in relation to the inspector's report on

Stansted/Heathrow Terminal.
The Government will need the powers in the Bill if at any time it is lecided to impose a limit on air truffic movements at any British Airports Authority airport for environmental reasons, Equally it will need the powers even if the environmental limit at Heathrow were not imposed, because both Heathrow and Gatwick are rapidly approaching the point when de-mand for runway space will exceed the physical capacity for extended

periods of the day.

Proceeding with the Bill would not therefore have prejudiced the decision the Minister for Housing and Construction and I will have to take on the inspector's report. Nevertheless the Government suggests that further consideration of the Bill be postponed until that decision has been taken.

I note the chairman has reconvened the committee for February 12. I must make it clear to the House that, it is very likely that no decision on Stansted - Terminal Five will be possible by then. We will therefore in due course seek to arrange with the chairman when the committee shall meet again.

Mr Peter Snape, Opposition spokesman on transport: With a hitle commonsense on Mr Ridley's occurred. It is only due to his arrogance that this unique public hamiliation is taking place.

How can Mr Ridley say that demand for runaway space will esceed the physical capacity when cheduling committee and the BAA invited capacity of Heathrow is creatly in excess of the present air ratlic movement limit? In, any case, if there is such a

on the reliasing international flights at Manchester' Does Mr Ridley interpate a painful interview when he Prime Minister returns.

Mr Ridley: I have never before heard it suggested to be arrogant to relieve that the will of the majority of House should not be frustrated. It is not only a question of annual argetts of Heathrow and Galwick. It is a question of capacity at certain times of the day and certain times of the year which must become congested without these powers.

Sir Humphrey Atkins (Spelthorne, () Hundreds and thousands, if not millions, of Londoners and others affected by Heathrow are looking to Mr Ridley to honour the Conserva tive Government's promise. Mr Ridley: The Government has

attempted to honour that promise by bringing a Bill into the House and taking it into committee. Those who frustrated it in committee are those who must be blamed if it proves impossible to get the legislative powers to implement the 275,000 ATM Limit.

Vir John Wilkinson (Ruislip-Northwood, C): We, on the standing committee, are certainly keen that his quasi-judicial position should in Mr Ridley: I cannot tell the BAA no way be prejudiced. Would it not anything unless Parliament grants have been better if he had come to me the relevant powers to do so.

Jim Reed is putting in some of

September to December, and

Produce Quota Tribunal.

he was going to withdraw the Bill in its entirety until such time as he had

Any fudging of the air traffic movements limit is impossible since the inspector said that the 275,000 limit was unjustifiable on environ-mental grounds and air traffic Will he listen to the advice of

Brus Airways who say this limit is totally unjustifiable? Mr Ridley: Surely the boot is on the other foot. Would he not be prepared to listen to the other side

of the case he has just put and listen to the reasons why to have proceeded with this Bill would not have had the effects he fears and would certainly not have prejudiced instead of being presared to listen

to these arguments, he preferred to vote for the debate to be terminated. wonder whether that means be does not have quite the faith in his own arguments that he suggests.

Mr Anthony Lloyd (Stretford, Lab): Will he accept the need for a proper review of airports policy? Will he guarantee the democratic process will be maintained and that we will have a vote on a motion on Stansted

and he will agree to bind himself by the decision of this House? Mr Ridley: Mr Biffen. Leader of the House, has made it clear there will be a debate on the Stansted/Termi-nal Five issue. I am sure I would be right to leave the form and nature of the debate to him.

Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham, C): It would be wrong to allow the opinions of the planning inspector, tho is no more than an advisor, and who differed from the report of the previous inspector anyhow, to override the clear commitment of the Government to millions of people living around Heathrow.

Mr Ridley: I agree it is difficult when two distinguished inspectors come to two different views. The



Clwyd: Glad minister has been let off the hook

Government has tried to secure the well, we could not have tried harder If we do not succeed he will know precisely who to blame, not only three Conservative MPs but all the

Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab): As a member of the standing committee. I am glad to see the minister relieved of his considerable hook. Perhaps he would look at the substantial claims of the regions. Some of us look at this Bill and

the Stansted report as a further attempt to hijack resource for the south-east of England when there are vast regions in Britain suffering from substantial unemployment.

If he were to de-centralize air services, that would lead to substantial improvement in the regions where airports already exist and which could do with the substantial investment the Govern-ment obviously intends to put into Stansted and possibly a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

Mr Ridley: Nothing would please me more than to see a greater expansion of prosperity in all of Britain's regional airports. Considerable extra amount of investment for Cardiff airport has been approved this (Thursday) afternoon. That makes it harder for me to understand why she is not in favour of discussing a Bill which would have had the effect of limiting the number of flights into Heathrow.
Without such a limit, presumably
more flights would go into
Heathrow and less into Cardiff.

Mr Anthony Steen (South Hams, C): Would be confirm that the basis for his predecessor's pledge to the country in 1979 was note numbered of risking a certain amount of exasperation amongs his consense of the Bill and the decision on amounts policy.

It is the case, would be the tell the colleagues if he persists in believing that is the case, would be the tell the colleagues if he persists in believing that is the case, would be the tell the colleagues if he persists in believing that he british Airports Authority that he will not tolerate them proposing an increase in landing charges by 344.

It John Wilkinson (Ruislip-

BELGRANO

Mr Tam Datyell (Linlithgow, Lab), leading inquisitor of the Government over the sinking of the Belgrano in the Falklands war, said in the Commons early today (Thursday) that he had been told that British intelligence had murdered an elderly woman in a search of her home fo

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, in replying to what he called Mr Dalyell's "important revelations", said a substantial police investigation was still continuing and regrettably had not been concluded. The case was far from closed and Mr Dalyell would receive

IMMIGRATION

DEFENCE

BBC FINANCE

While he was not ruling out

advertising as a source or partial source of finance for the BBC for all

time. Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State. Home Office, said in the

Commons early today that a decision on advertising was neither

straightforward nor simple. The Government did not foresee any

adical departure from the licensing

system at this stage.

He was replying to a debate in which a number of Conservative MPs. were critical of the BBC's application for an increase in its

television fee from £46 to £65 and had urged the introduction of

advertising in various ways to BBC television and radio. There were also calls for a review of the three-

year system and Mr Shaw said the Home Secretary would look at that

Home Secretary would look at that.

He said that at the request of the Home Secretary the BBC had commissioned an independent consultant's report on the efficiency of the corporation. This report in January would be a crucial part of the assessment of the submission by the BBC. There was no easy solution to the problem of financine the

Britain simply could not allow marriage to be used as a device for people to come here and to go on to the labour market at a time of high unemployment. Mr David Wad-

dington, Minister of State, Home Office, said during Commons

He was answering Mr Jonathan Sayeed (Bristol East. C) who had said it would not be a good idea to

import more people to do the same

lew jobs during high unemploy-

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham,

Ladywood. Lab) said the rule primary purpose were at 25 per cent requiring a man to prove it was not

nis primary purpose to come to the UK when seeking entry for Mr Christopher Murphy (Welwyn marriage, discriminated unjustly Hatfield, C) said it would be wrong against British women because they for any MP to abuse his or her were of Asian origin. Hundreds position in immigration cases.

were not able to marry the man of Mr Waddington was sure MPs did

ils primary purpose to come to the ground, 33 per cent.

Miss Murrel's nephew, Com-mander Rob Green, who had held a key position in Naval intelligence during the Falklands, had physiduring the Falklands, had physi-cally sent the signal which sank the out. On March 21 she returned Belgrano, He considered the mexpectedly and fought them. They

Falklands to be an unnecessary war, was appalled by the sinking of the Belgrano, although considering it an unfortunate necessity and had taken

This had put him under suspicion of the Prime Minister and her colleagues. The search had been for any Reigrano related documents of Commander Green in his aunt's-

There are persons in Westminster and/or Whitehall (he said) who know a great deal more about the violent death of Miss Murrell than they have so far been prepared to divulge. He demanded to know on whose

Ministerial authority, if any, the search of Miss Murrell's home took a comprehensive reply.

Mr Dalyell said intruders broke into the Shrewsbury home of 78-year-old Miss Hilda Murrell to look for documents possibly incriminating the Prime Minister over the Falklands affair.

Miss Murrell's nephew. Com-

The intruders had no intention of doing away with Miss Murrell, but of searching her bouse while she was

Short was obviously referring to proved that it was easy and fair to apply this test. In that case, the decision of the entry clearance

officer in the sub-continent was upheld both by the adjudicator and

purpose rule was not an attack on marriage or on arranged marriages. Delays were fewer than under

The failure rate of applications by

husbands and fiances to come to

Britain was down dramatically. In 1982 the overall refusal rate was 63

per cent but dropped in 1983 to 47 per cent. Refusals on grounds of primary purpose were at 25 per cent

injured her and panicked. Things Belgrano, although considering it an imfortunate necessity and had taken die from hyppothermia, and the cover-up had to begin, because the searchers were members of British and the cover-up had to begin, because the searchers were members of British and the cover-up had to begin, because the searchers were members of British and the cover-up had to begin, because the searchers were members of British and the cover-up had to begin because the searchers were members of British and the cover-up had to begin because the searchers were members of British and the cover-up had to begin because the cover-up had to be a cover-up had

Starchers were memors or brash Intelligence, I am informed.

He discounted the already reported theory that Miss Murrell's death was connected with the paper she had written on the problems of nuclear waste which she hoped would be read at the Sizewell B After the murder, he went on, the

police had wrongly said the house had been ransacked. It had been a sophisticated break-in and the house searched carefully. They said she had been sexually assaulted. She

What is the purpose of this kind of inaccuracy (he said) other than to sweep uncomfortable suspicions under the curpet? Were the police told at high authority to act in an uncharacteristically incompetent and slapdash way? There were errors on the time of discovery of the body, the Special Branch were involved at an early stage.

The body had stab wounds and a blow under one eye. A cremation was carried out in a heck of an indecent

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs: Mr Waddington has displayed

naked racialism which underlies the

way the rule is administered. (Loud

Conservative protests.) He is distorting the figures.
Since 1980-83 refusals on the

ground of primary purpose had risen 25 fold, and Mr Waddington

deliberate and inhuman distortion of the rule. (Renewed Tory

protests.) British women wanting the same tight as everyone else to live here with the husband of their

This Government (he said) should be downright ashamed of

Mx Waddington said the House had heard all that before. Refusal rates

under this government compared

favourably with those under Labour. As usual, Mr Kaufman was

question? What justification can

there he for an appointment that doubles the salary of the current

What earthly justification is there

choice were being persecuted.

pleasure in this. It was

abused. Recently, someone affected by the primary purpose rule had remained in the country for months and was still here because an MP

hurry. Proper forensic procedures seemed to have been blocked. The family were told they could not have nindependent autopsy.
Miss Murrell had telephoned

friends in a frightened state before her death. All the inconsistencies pointed away from a randor murder, and away from the current In an odd way (he said) it is like

the Belgrano affair small inconsistencies seem to be part of part of larger lies. Mr Giles Show, replying, said police

had found no evidence of forcible entry at Miss Murrell's home but entry at Miss Murrell's home but
Alurrell's death to her connection scess could have been thorough an with anti-nuclear organizations.

Legal aid assessment

Good progress has been made in bringing into effect a number of the recommendations of the Rayner for legal aid Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said during question time in the House of Lords.

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a struggle in an upstais room with
the offender, who had apparently
previously made a systematic starch
of the premises, drawn the front
downstairs cartains and left an
electric light on.
After Manuall man than taken in

Miss Murrell was then taken in her own car to the scene of h death. She was besten and stabbed and left to die of hypothermia and the car left on the side of the road

near a coppice.

The West Mercia police had the investigation. There was no evidence whatever to link Miss

Lord Hatch of Lasby (Lab): Last

the new year.

Discussions are still continuing on the main issues raised (he said) and I expect the Government's final

The only realistic analysis was the number of primary purpose refusals as a percentage of all applications. On that basis it had been easier for husbands and fiances to establish a

right to get into the country in 1983-84 than in 1982 before the 1983 rules were brought in.

In Commons written replies. Mr

Wadding said that in the first three quarters of 1984 in the Indian subcontinent, 190 husbands of British citizens were refused entry

clearance for leave to enter the United Kingdom.

One hundred and seventy husbands were refused solely

About two-thirds of husbands

who applied in the Indian subconti-

June it was discovered that under certain secret regulations, the "L" Code, officials of the Department of Health and Social Security were was illeral Lord Hailsham: The code is being Marriage must not be used as entry device Attorney

Sir Patrick Maybew, the Solicitor General, clashed angrily with Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) in the Commons early today (Thursday) over allegations by Mr Sedgemore that the Antorney General (Sir Michael Havers) had abused his powers in respect of the seques-tration of National Union of Mineworkers' assets and should

husbands were refused solely because the primary purpose of the marriage was to obtain admission to the United Kingdom, and a few Mr Sedgmore said the Attorney General had powers to advise the Government but not powers to advise the Conservative Party for political advantage. In this context, he had abused the law, abused helimentary and were refused parily because of this reason. Some of those applications Labour. As usual, Mr Kaufman was nent were granted entry clearance in prepared to distort the figures; he was talking about the number of 12 months up to September 1984.

abused the constitution.

This was not a one-off: this was part of a pattern of this Attorney General and that made it all the more important for the House to

Mr Kinnock: Many things have been said about Mr Leneue, but at £95,000 a year for five years, he is certainly not coming cheap.

Will Mr Biffen now answer the question? What justification can last exchange with the leader of the content of the co Opposition should in any sense be construed as casting any reflection I am saying that because I am prepared to exemplify the spirit of charity to those outside the House who cannot answer back. That is profound scorn.

My message to Mr Scargill i very simple: that there exists a Nacods agreement which provides ent framework for a return to the negotiating table.

sadly lacking in the Leader of the

on Mr David Perry.

Mr Alexander Carlile (Mont-gomery, L): Was it part of the deal that Sir Frank Cooper, Tormer

it had over the last 10 years.

Independent television's revenue

looked as though it would fall short of the £1,000m forecast for 1984.

There had been a sharp down turn in revenue in the last two and a half

If advertising were introduced

into BBC programmes it would have to be done gradually with the

licence fee revenue remaining the

incence for some time. Present revenue income for some time. Present revenue income was £770m and any replacement would have to be of a

ability to grow.

BBC expenditure in the current finance year was greater than, the licence fee income about £70 million more and for 1984-85 the

services at their present level. This could not be generated by one 15 second advertisement on BBC

television each hour.
It seemed likely competition between independent television and

the BBC for revenue would drive down advertising rates because there had been insufficient compe-

tition between ITV companies hitherto, making the BBC obliged to

take more advertising to bring in the

mparable size with comparable

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possible individual liberties. Mr Kevin MacNamara (Hull North, Lab) and Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP), challenged Mr Hurd's statement that there was no shoot to kill policy. Mr MacNamara referred

Mr Hard said the rule of law would be adhered to and all such cases would be investigated. It wuld be

Parliament today

topics.
The following Acts received Royal
Assent: Consolidated Fund (No 2);
Friendly Societies, and Greater
London Council (Money) (No 2).

had to take action

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therefore resign.

Parliamentary sovereignty and abused the constitution.

more important for the House to stand up and say "Enough". The Attorney General was abusing the powers of the courts of the land. The right thing for him to do would be to resign and outside the House he should be reported to his lans of Court. He had debased and demeaned the laws of this country, Parliament and the constitution

No shoot to kill policy exists

There was not, nor would the Government contenance, a shoot to kill policy for the security forces in Northern Ireland, Mr Douglas Hurd, assured MPs when moving a motion in the Commons noting Sir George Baker's review of the operation of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978.

The motion also accepted the continuing need for temprary emergency powers and recognized the need to maintain as fully as possible individual liberties.

kill poucy. Mr MacNamara reterred
to a recent shooting in Derry and
said many people in the Province,
beleived such a policy existed. Mr
Hard said he understood the
security forces had advance information about the two IRA members
involved in the Derry shooting as involved in the Derry shooting so there should have been plenty of time for alternative action to be

wrong for him to comment further on the Derry incident.

nuclear cloak Americans argue that these "

willingness to give military protection to Western Europe-would hardly be diminished by making them less vulnerable to nuclear attack at home. That must be true.

They also suggest that this would, in effect, be a return to the early days of Nato when the United States would not have: put its own cities in jeopardy by coming to the aid of its in European allies. But in those days the West had a nuclear menopėly.

It is reasonable for Europeans now to be disturbed atthe possibility that the Soviet at Union might no longer be subject to the overwhelming fear of nuclear retaliation for any conventional adventure."

But it would not be reasonable to expect the United States on that account to give up the possibility of nuclear protection for its own people.

This is not an issue.

Alliance could easily agree, if only they would be logical.

That is why it presents such a challenge to Alliance diplo-

Sir Patrick Mayhew said M Sedgemore's allegations inspired in him contempt. Unprecedented action had been needed to deaf with an unprecedented situation in the NUM's attempt to defeat the court's ine and move its assets. He rejected utterly attacks on the Attorney General and regarded them with

There was not not would the

Commons (9.30): Christmas adiournment debates on various

Dairy Farming Tribunal

Farmers fight quota cuts

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent On a dark, damp Sunday afternoon, in a shabby building in Cannon Street, London, Mr

the 100 hours a week that he To appeal successfully a farmer must be able to show works as secretary of the Dairy that because of disease, acci-Cheerful, friendly and extrodent, theft or compulsory land vert, he is the antithesis of the purchase his 1983 output was caricature grey-faced civil sernot typical; or that at the time vant. Seconded from the Minisquotas were imposed he had try of Agriculture at half a day's already begun a govenmentnotice last May, he has watched approved expansion scheme; or, the tribunal grow from 10 to nearly 90 members, and has in what are known as exceptional hardship cases, that he seen the deadline for the had entered into financial completion of its work slip from commitment which could be

enough to meet repayments.

now, perhaps, the end of paid for only by the sale of milk. All except the exceptional When the Government an- hardship cases go first to local nounced in March that all dairy panels, but there is a right of farmers would have to cut production by 9 per cent this year, it had no idea that more than 20,000 of them, about half the total, would use the appeals the total would use the appeals to the tribunal. So far it has heard about 1,250 appeals to the tribunal, So far it has heard about 1,250 appeals to the tribunal. So far it has heard about 1,250 appeals to the tribunal appeal to the tribunal. So far it has heard about 1,250 appeals to the tribunal appeals to the tribunal. So far it has heard about 1,250 appeals to the tribunal appeals to the

and has delivered some doors, and of arbitrarily depriv-ing people of their livelihoods. About 85 per cent of hardship But he says that the tribunal is procedure to plead for special 1,300 verdicts.

Mr Reed concedes that many, claims have so far been rejected, are trying it on. But some in the other cases roughly 35 farmers in trouble, who have per cent of the appellants have borrowed from banks to expand their herds, say that their reduced income will not be reduced and the rest have been allowed higher quotas, 15 farmers who are most insistent on confidentiality.

He says that once the tribunal has established the facts, the left unchanged. There have been distressing criteria are too strictly defined

scenes, but most farmers have to permit arbitrary verdicts. accepted the tribunal's verdicts. Their main complaints are of the time taken to hear appeals. and of regional bias. The National Farmers'

Union says that many of its members have complained about inconsistency among local panels, but that most of those who have appeared before the tribunal feel they received a firm but fair hearing.

The union, however, is inhibited in its comments

With some 5,000 out of 6,000 appeals still to be heard, the end because it is not supplied with copies of individual decisions. of January target looks increas-ingly unrealistic. Neither Mr Reed nor his chairman, Lord Mr Reed admits that the tribunal could be accused of Grantchester, who is also president of the VAT Tribunal. dispensing justice behind closed expects much respite over

with agriculture.

Ultimatum on cleaning of hospital

tals has been given until January 22 to improve its has established the facts, the standards. OCS (Hospital Services) Ltd. Each "court" consists of three

controversy between management and unions since taking over the £725,000 contracts at Hospital, Cambridge, 23 weeks ago.

Members of the Confederation of Health Service Em-

ployees and National Union of Public Employees refused to work for the company and criticized their cleaning stan-dards at the hospital. Cambridge Health Authority has decided that the company must substantially improve cleaning by the deadline date,

SDLP to begin talks From Richard Ford, Belfast

official Unionist Party, used olic Bishop of Down and the words "perceptions" and Connor, after his comments on "realities", which echo those of nationalist alienation.

"nationalist politicians in both parts of Ireland and are also found in the New Ireland terms such as "vicar general of Forum report.

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defence against nuclear attack... - if that could be obtained -... than from any agreement with ... the Soviet Union, I would even expect to gain more security:... from a system that would simply rule out the possibility of an effective first strike against.... the United States.

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As a Briton, however, I have misgivings. These are directed... not to the possession of a "star-This has to be assumed because it it the declared intention of ... President Reagan to offer such a system to the Soviet leaders if ... they have not managed to

develop one for themselves. There are fears that the: British and French deterrents might then be rendered useless. though this would depend upon what degree of protection the Soviet Union had secured.

The logic of these national deterrents is that they would be able not to defeat the Soviet Union but to inflict unacceptable damage. So long as some British and French missiles could get past an imperfect "star wars" system – wbich iš all that would seem realistic for some years to come - that purpose would be served.

A more serious anxiety, would seem to me to be that if::: the Soviet Union thought itself: safe from nuclear attack there, ... would not be the same restraint... upon conventional warfare. That would not affect the, security of the United States, but it might well affect, if not the physical safety of Western, Europe, certainly its self. confidence. It was to prevent forther Soviet energy through further Soviet encroachments, in Europe before Moscow even in: had the atomic bomb that Nato was established in the first place.

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their choice. Even worse, families not wittingly abuse their privileges, with children were involved. No civilized country could defend the primary purpose rule.

Mr Waddington said a case Ms their privileges. But sometimes the facility MPs had to approach a minister to ask for a man's temporary admission while they made representations could be Kinnock's view: Levene appointment stinks retary of State for Defeace (Mr el Heseltine) what can justify The appointment of Mr Peter as Chief of Defence Procurement? Levene, chairman and managing director of United Scientific Hold-Does Mr Biffen think that by director of United Scientific Hold-ings as Chief of Defence Procure-ment at £95,000 a year was stoutly defended by Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of who can fulfil this vitally

who can main this violing to the in strings to the national exchequer order outside. Whitehall, he is appearing what was done with Lord layner. His actions will stand the est.

Mr Kinnock: Why £95,000? Why is individual? We are not the nature... (Lond Contact the nature). Privy Seal and Leader of the riouse of who can ruling this vicinity of Commons. Mr. Neil Kinnock, important task. By going to the Leader of the Opposition, had told world outside Whitehall, he is him during Prime Minister's repeating what was done with Lord question time, that the appointment Rayner. His actions will stand the and everything connected with it test Mr Biffen said that the salary was this individual? We and many others related to what would be obtained in in the House and elsewhere think

related to what would be obtained in the House and eisewhere cumather private sector, but evoked more the whole appointment and every-thing connected with stinks, at £95,000 a year was cheaper than a failure at half the price.

He added later that this should the felcan as easting any and chean iibes.

In the House and eisewhere cumather that stinks and chean iibes.

Mr Biffen: A judgement was made by the Secretary of State for Defence about Mr Levene's ability. A man successfully executing a job at 250,000 a year is a dammed sight chean iibes.

not be taken as casting any reflection on Mr David Perry, the present Chief of Defence Procure ment who is to become Chief of Defence Equipment Collaboration.

Mr Kinnock opened the exchanges by asking Mr Biffen: Apart from his cheeper than a failure at half that price. (Protests and cries of "Oh" permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, should become chairman of Mr Peter Levene's former company?

Mr Kinnock opened the exchanges of the price of \$95,000 a year is not unrelated to what would be obtained in the private sector.

No simple answer on BBC advertising who said there were areas of almost other week. That struck him as unbelievable waste in the BBC money badly spent.

which characterized many large public sector institutions. The proposed rise in the fee from £46 to £65 was a whopping increase for North, Lab) for the Opposition, said there were implaceably opposed to the introduction of advertising on BBC radio and television. The Possibly the greatest degree of BBC radio and television. The advertising on Radios One and Two, where there was popular and the rest of the world. someone living on a fixed income. light music. Advertising would be introduced in due course. He hoped BBC had been under threat from the Government. The Prime Minister

there would be efforts to improve Government. The Prime Minister efficiency in the BBC and there had been leading the way in would be encouragement to privatize local radio and breakfast and put pressure on the BBC. Mr Roger King (Birmingham, C) said time stood still on BBC television on a Saturday evening. The same thing happened every Saturday - quiz shows with the same panel and almost the same

contestants, a female police soap opera, an old American film probably shown four or five times already followed by that other cult programme, snooker. It led him to stion where all the money went. Morning television had added to the BBC costs, just emphasized by the corporation's reported attempt to retain one of the permanent

people, who include farmers, land agents, former ministry

officials, retired bank managers

and lawyers, chosen for the most part for their familiarity

cases a day, for which each tribunal member is paid £93 a

day plus expenses and a small

allowance for the time spent in

studying the paperwork before-

They hear between 12 and 20

to the problem of financing the BBC.

The debate was opened by Mr Robert Jones (West Hertfordshire)

to retain one of the permanent female anchor women at a suggested salary of £80,000 a year not for a five day week but for working every

pseudo-policy.

Evasion was costing £60m a year within a system which had existed for 60 years and stood the test of

A limited injection of advertising was a tempting proposition but the line between teast and famine in marketing and advertising was not all that thick, it was by no means certain advertising revenue would

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Knowsley,

The political independence of the

Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, said free television to pensioners would cost £250m on the

present basis and would remove a

third of the corporation's annual income. Under Labour there would

not be a penny piece of advertising or any taxation. It was outrageous

The private company responsible for cleaning one of Britain's main provincial hospi-

have been at the centre of Addenbrooke's

or face a review of the contract. The decision came after a meeting which heard a report from staff monitoring cleaning

Unionist leader urges The leader of Northern from its document, The Way

In his Christmas message, Mr language they used in attacking James Molyneaux, leader of the Dr Cahal Daly, Roman Cath-

versies, we are easer to listen to the leaders of constitutional Ambulance strike nationalism and hope they will perceptions and realities."

Unionists has not retreated normal working

Ireland's largest Unionist party Forward, which called for both yesterday appealed for the sides in the province to respect Social Democratic and Labour each other's hopes and fears.

Party to begin talks in an Mr Molyneaux is implicitly attempt to break the political critical of his deputy leader and the Rev Ian Paisley for the

Ambulance service managers

erceptions and realities."

dent and emergency machines
The tone of the short in Belfast yesterday when crews statement was described by one at the city's largest ambulance leading SDLP politician as depot mounted a four-hour unprecedented and it indicates lightning strike over Christmas that despite the recriminations overtime pay. After talks after the Anglo-Irish summit, between management and the leadership of the Official union officials crews resumed

Police chiefs in favour of jury trials in fraud cases, but urge reforms

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

mior investigators are in favour of retaining trial by jury oc. naud cases, but call for important reforms to streamline court procedures, according to police evidence submitted to the committee on fraud trials under Lord Roskill.

The evidence, released yesterday, was submitted to the committee by Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, on behalf of other forces. It finds only five forces reluctantly arguing for a move to trial by a judge sitting with assessors or a jury of professional specialists.

The dissenting forces, which include the City of London. acknowledge the move should be made only for serious fraudcases and the evidence says that all forces "would be supportive of any improvements in related matters' which, it is generally felt, would obviate, the need to tamper with the jury".

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Those including the Metropolitan and City home Frand Squad supporting the current trial system, whose use for fraud cases has been questioned by senior judges, the Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecutions - note the London fraud has a 90 per cent conviction rate and court time takes up only 10 per cent of a

The Roskill committee was

Most chief constables and told that the police were not police argued that although constitutional arguments in Pre-trial reviews should be favour of trial by jury are very made statutory in serious fraud

A jury of professional special-ists might not match the standard of morality applied by a jury chosen at random.

The evidence criticized passing the DPP for sometimes not proceeding to trial because a and the judge hearing the case case was considered too complex for a jury to understand. The evidence noted: "We are not convinced that on each occasion such decisions are necessarily correct."

Convictions and proceeding were more likely to succeed if the progress of cases could be improved by changes including the use of modern techniques such as graphic displays in the courtroom.

The use of such techniques are among a list of recommendations which may well meet opposition from the legal profession and even the

The police said the right to an "old style" committal, where all the evidence is reviewed, should be romoved unless a defence can make the case for one. The do so.

"disposed to tamper with the committal is intended only to present system of trial by jury show there is a case to answer which has stood the test of time "old style" committals were and considered by many as a used in 26 per cent of all fraud bastion of the freedom of liberty cases in London but in all enjoyed by every individual in such cases convictions were the land. Many believe the eventually achieved.

cases and defence counsel should be obliged or encouraged to disclose the matters they intend to contest in the trail, outlining the thrust of their argument

At such reviews all counsel should attend, avoiding current incidents where reviews are handled by junior counsel or judges who do not try the case.

The police argued for the abolition of the right of a defence to challenge up to three potential jurors without counsel. Instead a defence should have the right to challenge only

if the cause is given.
Once a trial has begun both councel for the prosecution and defence should be encouraged to make shorter speeches avoiding the endless days spent in speeches at some trials

At the same time judges in their summing ups should not merely reiterate all the evidence bu emphasize the main points of disagreement and intemize the evidence concerned as they



Drunk rail driver 'forgot' to let passengers off train

A British Rail driver was dismissed after he drove a commuter train through station without stopping after drinking three pints of beer during his tea break.

Geoffrey Bailey, aged 26, of Ritherdon Road, Balham, south-west London, was so drunk he forgot he was carrying passengers and drove past the Sydenham platform in South London without letting them off, Sutton Magistrates' Court was told yesterday.

prosecution, said that a British Rail official at Sydenham, rang through to the next station down the line and stopped the London Bridge to Epsom train. Bailey admitted being drunk while employed on a railway on

He was remanded on unconditional bail until January 17 for him to take legal advice and for a social inquiry report to be drawn up.

September 14.

Climber bids for 277 peaks

Peak time: Mr Martin Moran. a mountaineering accountant from Sheffield, set out today to spend the 90 official days of winter bagging the 277 Scottish Munros (Ronald Faux writes). A munro is a Scottish peak of more than 3,000 feet. The attempt will demand more than 1,000 miles of walking and 380,000 feet of climbing and is in aid of the Third World Intermediate Techcharity nology. Mr Moran, aged 29, will be accompanied for much

Big rise in number of arson cases

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

The number of deliberate fires in occupied buildings rose from 8,700 to 15,500 in the five years up to 1983, an average annual increase of 12 per cent, according to Home Office statistice issued yesterday.

The most common cause of eccidental fires in dwellings was the unintentional misuse of equipment or appliances, such as leaving a cooker ring turned on and unattended or knocking over a heater. Misuse accounted for more than one third of all fires in dwellings between 1978 and 1983.

Non-fatal fire casualties have increased from 6,720 to 10,040 over the decade, during which fatal casualties have fluctuated etween 849 and 1,096. The 1983 total was 903.

Fires in road vehicles have increased by some 16,000 since 1977 to 40,000 in 1983, 1,000 more than in the previous year. Fire Statistics United Kingdom 1983. (S3 Division, Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SWIH 9AT, £3.50).

Libel case award for Labour's chief whip

Mr Michael Cocks, the Labour Chief Whip, received undisclosed libel damages in the ligh Court yesterday over llegations that he planned to

descri his party.
Mr Desmond Browne, for Mr ocks, told Mr Justice Drake that a Mail on Sunday article, published in October, claimed that the Labour Party faced a mass defection of MPs, some of whom planned to join the Social Democrats.

It was accompanied by a photograph of Mr Cocks with the caption: "Chief Whip set to lead deserters.

The article quoted unidentified friends of Mr Cocks who claimed he was on the point of forming a caucus of his own followers, which would result in him deciding whether to be-come an independent Labour MP, join the SDP or leave politics altogether, and would provoke a crisis in his Bristol South constituency. There was not a word of truth in the allegations. Mr Browne said.

The newspaper agreed to pay damages and all legal costs.

Sneeze caused death

the career of actress, Charlotte

was told yesterday.

A lorry driver's sneeze ended shoulder of the M4 Miss Long, aged 18, daughter Long, and inquest in Oxford of Lord Long, died on October as told yesterday.

6, three days after the accident.

The sneeze caused Mr Brian which happened as she was Launders, of Slough, Berkshire, driving to her mother's home at to hit the back of Miss Long's Bradford-on-Avon. A verdict of broken-down car on the hard accidental death was recorded.

1,000 new teachers still out of work

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

looking for a job, according to physics. figures published by the Department of Education and Science.

Those trained to teach in The government was accused nursery, primary and middle yesterday of "barbarism" in market compared with teachers pence of other subjects. trained for secondary schools.

BEd degrees. The statistics, which look at what happened to teachers who its power to exalt and promote completed their training in the one kind of learning to the 1983, show that 77 per cent got disadvantage of the other is an

cent of them remaining unem- science turn to bitterness and

ployed. Teachers trained to teach art education, history and geography at secondary level had more difficulty than those trained in justification.

Almost 1,000 teachers who comercial and business studies, completed their training last home economics, craft, design year are still out of work and and technology, chemistry and

Powell attack

schools have fared relatively wanting to spend money onin the employment science education at the ex-

It was educational heresy to Women are shown to be less justify spending money on employable than men. Both education to make factories and men and women with a enterprises more profitable and postgraduate certificate in competitive, Mr Enoch Powell Education found it more diffi- told the annual dinner of the cult to find work that those with Merchant Taylors' Company in London.

"The state which tries to use jobs (compared with 71 per cent inhuman and barbarous state," he said. "In the end it will bring A further 8 per cent decided down upon its subjects the not to go into teaching or went penalties which attend upon all abroad. Of those who could not humanity and barbarism, when find work, nursery teachers had the greedy expectations atthe most difficulty with 22 per tached to the advancement of

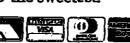
disillustionment." Education was a good thing and light craft, English, religious in itself, Mr Powell remarked. It was a strong human instinct and needed no secondary



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PIE men must stay in prison

Two leading members of Paedophile Information Exchange, the campaigning child sex group, must stay in jail, the Court of Appeal ruled yester-

Both men, who are targets for violence from other prisoners, must serve their full sentences. Mel Justice MacPherson, sitting with Lord Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice Evans, said.

The two, David Bremner, aged 45 and David Joy, aged 43, were members of the executive of PIE which disbanded in August. They were convicted and jailed at the Central Criminal Court in November of sending indecent material through the post. Bremner, a former bio-chem-

ist, of Upper Clapton Road, Clapton, east London was jailed for six months. Joy, an unemployed mathematics teacher, of Russell Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire. who was also found guilty of publishing an obscene article, was jailed for 18

Damages for sheepdog trialists

Hywel Jones and Ellis Edwards, the sheepdog trialists won undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday from the BBC and HTV over allegations that they tried to improperly influence a compe

ition judge.

Mr Jonathan Sofer, their counsel, told Deputy Judge Mr Patrick Bennett, QC, that the allegation was "wholly untrue". It was now accepted by the BBC and HTV, who screened the allegation in November 1982, that both men had not been guilty of any misconduct. They agreed to pay the men suitable libel damages and their legal costs.

Peking order

An academy of science laboratory in Peking is to get £250,000 of specialist laboratory furniture and equipment designed by Nottinghamshire county architects' department, and made by the consortium CLASP.

Times supplement failed to substantiate charge

reflecting on a parent-teacher association, a newspaper had a clear duty either to substantiate it or retract, the Press Council said today.

The Times Educational Suprice rimes. Scattand by the parenttreacher association at Rellabouston Academy, 20 Gower
Terrace, Glasgow, Terrace, Glasgow.

The newspaper published an arricle by its deputy editor. Mr Neil Munro, about a consortia plan for Strathelyde secondary schools to increase the ran subjects available. The article mentioned the real

and excitement among Strathelyde education officials, but said that case of Bellahouston, anonymous teachers, and parents, reactions page to the continuous on the quality of the local parents, reactions had because of Bellahouston, anonymous teachers, and parents, the same teachers, and parents, the same teachers, and parents, the same teachers, and parents of the same teachers, and parents of the same teachers, and the same teachers, and the same teachers of the same teachers. leaflets cautioning parents against their children consorting with Roman Catholics".

Later the newspaper published a letter from Mr. David Liddell, the Educational Institute for Scotland

After printing an allegation representative at Bellahouston. out by the association were neither anonymous nor sectarian in tone or

content.
The letter was published with an ind today.

It upheld a complaint against description of the leaflets as the Times Educational Sup-

of the association, wrote to Mr Munro asking for a copy of the offending leaflet or at least an indication of the source of the formation. Mr Munro replied that there was

Mr Munto repned that there was no suggestion, although perhaps an implication which he regretted, that the leaflet originated within the academy. The newspaper would be willing to say, so, He offered space for a letter as an alternative.

The Press Council said that the offered supplies heater from the offer to publish a letter from the complainant was not a sufficient remedy, nor was the publication of another letter on the subject with a footnote saying that no shir was intended against parents and



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Gorbachov says Soviet trade with Britain will grow by nearly half

supplier of imports in the

share of sales has dropped from

silver through the London

Gorbachov's week-long visit.

paratively low base.

to expand faster than anything seen in the past decade, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the number two in the Kremlin told ousinessmen at a lunch in London yesterday.

The Soviet visitor said that in discussions with Mrs Margaret Thatcher this week "our assessment is that we can increase the level of trade in the near future by between 40 and 50 per cent," he also spoke of the "increased political role" of business links. and said trade embargoes hurt most those who put them in

Listing the sectors which hold the best opportunities for British companies, he first mentioned motor vehicles. He then read out a list of

areas in which he rated British chances most highly up to 1990; chemicals, the oil and gas industries, metallurgy, engineering consumer goods and agriculture and food processing and packaging.
It is believed that Soviet

teams have had considerable difficulties in recent months in deep-drilling for oil, and British
Gas and Shell recently discussed the possibility of using
North Sea technology in the

British trade specialists are particularly encouraged by an important policy switch by the Russians in considering for the first time turn-key projects, in which foreign contractors are allowed to handle virtually the whole operation in the development of new complexes.

The Austrians were allowed to do so for the first time in building a steel mill and it is assumed that in the important industrial sector, other foreign companies will be permitted to operate more or less on Western commercial lines.

All the projects mentioned by Mr Gorbachov come under the new Soviet Five Year Plan, due to start in 1986. The fact that he mentioned that John Brown Engineering David McKee and ICI were bidding for obsessical plants worth more than £1 billion reinforces the widespread belief that Britain is a from t-runner for these involves.

Gorbachov monatoned for the first time that he had also

lifting of martial law.

hand through meetings with policies. General Jaruzelski and Polit- Signor

Signor Andreotti's visit was approach.

Andreotti carries Nato

torch to Warsaw

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's nervous attempts to preceded by that of Mr Malrebuild diplomatic bridges with colm Rifkind, Minister of State the West were resumed yester at the Foreign Office, who tried

with the arrival in Warsaw to Strike the same balance. But

of Signor Guilio Andreotti, the he drew the ire of the Jaruzelski

Italian Foreign Minister, one of leadership when he laid a

the most senior Nato politicans wreath at the grave of murdered

to visit the country since the Solidarity priest Father Jerzy

be a complicated cluster of pressed his scepticism about

symbols, showing on the one some Polish Government

General Jaruzelski and Polit-buro members that Nato wel-dilemma: should he follow in

comes recent relaxations in Mr Rifkind's footsteps and risk

Warsaw and on the other hand, offending the Polish Govern-

through gestures and informal ment to such an extent that it

contacts, that the West has not would jeopardize the diplo-

forgotten the unhappy lot of the matic aim of the visit or should

he maintain a business-as-usual

fting of martial law. Popieluszko, met Solidarity Signor Andreotti's visit will advisers and he openly ex-

Anglo-Soviet trade, after discussed the possibility of it He spent two hours at the years in the doldrums, is about putting up a new fertilizer and factory at Cowley, Oxford and saw the techniques used to produce Maestro, Montego and Behind the euphoria, though,

Rover cars. is the fact that UK-Soviet trade Austin Rover is among has shrunk to a low level in number of companies competrecent years, and any improveing for a contract to modernize ment will come from a comthe Moskovitch factory in the Soviet capital. Britain was the major western

The Cowley factory has some 1950s, but now ranks ninth. Its of the most up-to-date equipment and systems, including a

more than 9 per cent to barely 3 When the Soviet party swept per cent in the past 10 years. Although there has been an into the plant, seven Ukrainians staged a silent demonstration, apparent strong surge in UK part of a week-long protest by exports this year of more than the emigré community is 50 per cent, worth £602 million by the end of October, two-thirds of the increase has been Britain against the imprison-

ment of their countrymen.

Members of the 35,000accounted for by sales of tin and strong Ukrainian community in Britain are staging protests Soviet credit worthiness is

chov is appearing.

Later, Mr Gorbachov's wife, still extremely good and the possibility of greatly increased Raisa, paid a surprise visit to Christ Church, Oxford. It was thought she had cancelled the trade will come as one of the most welcome aspects of Mr ● OXFORD: Mr Gorbachov unexpectedly and staff hastily got a close look yesterday at the arranged for a guide to show her technology Austin Rover soon the hall and cathedral which



Driving force: Mr Gorbachov in a Montego MG at the Cowley plant (photograph: Bill Warhurst).

IT IS NOT EASY TO RUN A TRANSPORT

EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY LIMITED TO A

HOME MARKET OF 8 MILLION PEOPLE.

SO FROM ITS SECOND YEAR OF OPERA-

UK envoys

The Fars::-language news-

paper *Islamic Republic* said

Iran should put pressure on

Britain to reduce its diplomatic

Britain formally closed its

embassy in Tehran in 1980 after

the Islamic revolution, but it

kept on diplomats in a British-

interests section of the Swedish

Tehran might be spies

US asks Europe to back Star Wars clear ways of destroying in-coming missiles. The Soviet Union is strongly denouncing Cannot work. There were some From Christopher Thomas Washington Russians test The United States has space shuttle people who recommended it

Secret mission crew: The five members to man the next space shuttle flight carrying a US military spy satellite above the

Soviet Union pose with their insignia. The flight, due for launch on January 23, has been shrouded in secrecy and dogged

by controversy. The crew are (from left) Air Force Major Gary Payton, Air Force Lieutenant-Colonel Loren Shriver, Navy Captain Thomas Mattingly, Marine Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Buchli and Air Force Major Ellison Onizuka.

embarked on an intensive drive to unite its European ailies behind its controversial Star Wars programme, emphasizing that Western Europe would benefit from space-based weapons capable of destroying

The Reagan Administration is confident that neither Mrs test fufilled the flight pro-Margaret Thatcher nor Chancel-gramme, Tass said. lor Helmut Kohl, of West Germany will do anything to weaken America's united front negative." He denied that Mrs with its Nato allies over the Star Thatcher and Herr Kohl were Wars initiative. Mrs Thatcher opposed to the Star Wars and Herr Kohl have expressed programme.

The said they were looking for the said they were looking for a left of and Herr Kohl have expressed general concern about the He said they were looking to militarization of space, a more information, a lot of concern shared by President which had now been conveyed.

"I don't think there is any to the idea of

worried by the more forthright perfecting, and of trying to reservations about the Star develop through research, a Wars programme expressed by programme of defences."

President Mitterrand of France. The Star Wars programme

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the properly known as the Strategic US Defence Secretary, told Defence Initiative (SDI), is a foreign correspondents Washington on Wednesday that weaponry, such as the use of M Mitterand was "relatively laser beams and other non-nu-

New York (AP) - The Soviet Union yesterday launched a spacecraft into orbit that made a "controlled descent" back to earth. The New York Times reported that it was a third-scale model of a winged, reusable

But the Administration is opposition to the idea of

The Star Wars programme, in research project into space

the SDL claiming that it would lead to the militarization of

Critics in the US and Europe argue that pursuing the SDI is at odds with President Reagan's declared determination to enter serious arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union.

The Administration is leading up to the critical US-Soviet arms talks in Geneva on January 7 and 8 with a series of conciliatory statements designed, in part, to mollify European concern about the research programme. Mr Weinberger repeatedly emphasized that the SDI was intended to protect both Western Europe and the United States. "The security of the United States is inseparable from the security of

Western Europe:" he said. Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman pledged flexibility in the talks, which will be conducted between Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, overcome

twice, in two world wars, and it failed. You can't have a fortress any place concept. America could not live in a world in

which Europe was overrun." Referring to the Soviet \$\$23 intermediate range missile. Mr Weinberger said that the SDI of the kind the US was planning would be equally effective in dealing both with intermediate range and strategic range

● BRUSSELS: One thousand five hundred SS20 warheads will be pointing at targets from the Soviet Union before very long (Frederick Bonnart writes). Mr Richard Burt the US

Assistant Secretary of State for European Afairs, said that he expected the present total of 387 SS20 launchers to rise to between 450 and 500 when the temporary lag in starting the construction of new bases in the western Soviet Union had been

Concern in

Libya for

two Britons

By Henry Stanhope ...

The Foreign Office last night

Mrs Saweisi, who was

Salisbury, Wiltshire, is being

husband. Mahmood, agrees to

Alternatively she can try to

obtain a divorce, which would

allow her to return to relatives

Mrs Suweisi, aged 33, met her husband when he was studying in Salisbury, and later returned with him to Libya

where they have two children. She was jailed for five days

after being brought before a court last year, but when her

husband and his family refused

to have her back she was

transferred to her present residence, where she is under

The Foreign Office heard several months ago that a British woman was in "jail" in

ber release.

in Britain.

Diplomatic Correspondent

David Watt, page 14

Scientists in Bhopal find more poison gas

Bhopal (Reuter, AP) Scientists have found more methy isocyanate, the deadly gas which killed 2,500 people in the world's worst industrial accident dent, than was indicated in records at Union Carbide's factory here, a scientist said.

return in large numbers, Mr S Aradarajan, head of the team converting the chemical into pesticide, told reporters that 19 tonnes had been neutralized and three tonnes remained in steel drums, pipes and a tank.

In Danbury, Connecticut, Union Carbide has hired Burson-Martseller, a New York public relations firm, to develop a long-term strategy in an attempt to repair damage done

Pudding eater regains voice

Sydney (Reuter)-Marie Hef-fernan, aged 25, has regained the power of speech which she

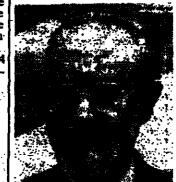
lost 12 years ago after eating a piece of Christmas pudding. She had a coughing fit this week and spat out a 1959 silver threepenny piece which her mother had put in the pudding. The coin had lodged between her vocal cords and prevented them from vibrating, doctors

Dressing down for civilians

Jerusalem (Reuter) - Israeli military police have beer forcing civilians in army cloubes to return them - sometimes

there and then.
"Operation Undress", aimed of unreturned army clothes, has meant people having to remove shirts, coats and even trousers in the streets.

Pisani plan



M Edgard Pisani (above), France's special envoy in New Caledonia, said in Paris yesterday that he was convinced a solution was possible on the troubled island. He said after an would be put to the different sides next month. He gave no details.

Going West

New York (Reuter) - The Statue of Liberty's torch was flown to California where it will lead the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses parade to raise funds to restore the rusting

Boy sacrificed

Delhi (AP) - A kidnapped boy aged seven, was sacrificed in a bloody temple ritual in northern Uttar Prudesh state by a priest who said his death would exorcise a demon in another man, the United News of India press agency said.

Visa switch

Peking (AFP)-Business people and tourists visiting China will visas on arrival at Peking airport rather than from Chi-nese embassies abroad, a

Chinese official said here. Christmas bugs

Tromso, Norway (Reuter) An average Christmas tree has about 30,000 bugs and insects on it. Mr Arne Fjelberg, a scientist here, said. Microscopic investigation revealed midges fleas, lice, parasite wasps spiders and beatles most of

EEC beats fishing deadline From Ian Murray, Brussels

For the first time ever the 'the CFP' will succeed in EEC has succeeded in agreeing managing fish stocks in Compon the share-out of the Company waters in future.

murity fish tatch before the sorting out what to do about the

regotiations is a good sign that

SPIES IN ITAN

The quick agreement was significant drop in the waters off ing by dividing up the available Greenland, which is due to catch among member states, leave the EEC next year. A legal according to the terms of the way of allowing Greenland to new common fisheries policy act though it was no longer (CFP). The relatively easy end to the expected to be found by officials that its over Fisheries ministers agreed to membership.

take advantage of the fact that Britain and West Germany had been able to catch their agreed Greenland quota this year, by allowing them to continue trying to catch their full 1984 allocation of eod next year.

The council was not propared to give any more fish to spain that last year, proof that it is determined to maintain alrough line on the subject in space.

was awaiting further news of Mrs Susan Suweisi, the Englishwoman who has been held in Libya for the past 14 line on the subject in negopreviously Miss Bugler of detained in a "house of protection" until her Libyan

Ten earmark £750m for research

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels

own modest research programme, after Ministers agreed Europe. on Wednesday to spend about £750 million over the next five

£750 million occ. years on eight projects. The newspaper, which generally follows the line of Ayatollah Etienne Davignon, the EEC Khomeini, said Iran should ask Britain what the 70 people commissioner in charge of the subject, "there is now a real policy and a real movement". It working in the British-interests section were doing.

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The EEC now has its very meant that research was no The other programmes them modest research pro-longer a second-class subject in chide work on radio-protection.

fusion techniques is now as- years.

biotechnology, non-nuclear About half the money will go energies, reactor safety, disposal to the Joint European Taurus of radioactive waste, and (JET) programme at Culham in industrial technologies. They Berkshire. The experiment in are to be funded for four to five

sured, although the money But work cannot start imavailable is considered by mediately, since the Com-Britain to be the bare minimum munity has no budget approved

Fight to save Le Monde moves to boardroom

moved yesterday to the paper's

coardroom after the failure of the journalists to agree upon a new editor-managing director. One of the paper's senior editors said: "I am pessimistic about Le Monde avoiding closure. We need to find 30 million francs (£2.7 million) by the end of the month to pay salaries and meet demands of

the banks". The famous evening paper, which celebrated its 40th anniversary this week is on the

The battle to save Le Monde the capital gives them the

The journalists have agreed to set up a committee to examine their own role and power, as well as proposed editorial solutions to falling circulation and rising debts. This new group, made up of journalists and non-journalists, will report in two weeks but many observers think the bankers will not wait that long.

Libya but located her only last Since then a woman from the British community in Tripoli, has visited Mrs Suweisi four

virtual house arrest.

Meanwhile Mr Alan Russell and English teacher from Suffolk who is facing charges, one connected with Libyan state security, made his second court appearance in Tripoli

Evidence was heard from both the prosecution and defence. The judge said that verilict and sentence would be

which celebrated its 40th The banks are the paper's anniversary this week is on the main creditors. The biggest brink of a shutdown despite a bank involved is the state-last minute move by the owned Banque Nationale de TION, VOLVO STARTED TO EXPORT. THE FIRST COUNTRY TO IMPORT Israel settles one of its two crises VOLVO'S PRODUCTS WAS FINLAND. two main religious parties came in the early hours of yesterday Israel's Government

with its first internal crisis solved. But the seeds of a second, potentially more serious one, were sown over deadlocked negotiations on troop with drawal from Lebanon.

Political commentators have warned that differences over Israel's future in Lebanon could year after this week's call by Mr for a Christmas recess with an Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, for a unilateral Israeli there is north if there is no the prime than the prime there is north if there is no the prime than the pri

Such a move is strongly opposed by some leading figures movement by Beirut is not in the right-wing Likud faction, notably Mr Ariel Sharon, Minister of Trade and Industry and chief architect of the 1982. Gilbos, chief of the Israeli
Lebanon war. The Likud leader, delegation warned that Israel fruitless day of negotiations at Mr Yitzhak Shamii, told party would be unlikely to resume the the UN headquasters in Naqou-colleagues this week: "We talks if Lebanon did not ra, southern Lebanon, Israeli entered this coalition in order respond "positively" during the Army officers yesterday threatnot to give up Judea and recess to a call for United ened to break off their troop Samaria (the West Bank) and Nations troops to be given an withdrawal talks with the control of the countern talks of their troops to be given an withdrawal talks with the control of the countern talks of the countern talks of their troops to be given an withdrawal talks with the control of the countern talks of their troops to be given an United talks with the control of the countern talks of their troops to be given an United talks with the control of the countern talks of their troops to be given an United talks with the control of the countern talks of the count not to run away from Lebanon

The solution of the crisis over

National Unity marks its first morning, shortly before the 100 days in office tomorrow expiry of the deadline set by the with its first internal crisis Likud – which had threatened to walk out of the Cabinet.

Although the crisis was resolved, it has left a residue of bitterness between right and left likely to be further exacerbated if the deadlocked military talks with Lebanon over troops withdrawal break down.

Yesterday, discussions broke there is not a significant change in Lebanon's stand. Such expected as Syria is reluctant to sanction it.

expanded role in southern Lobanese Army unless Beirut Lebanon.

The general accused the soldiers between the Awali and

gence during recent sessions. south of Beirut and along a line His toughly-worded statement stretching from the Meditertalks have reached a dead end, forcing Isaet to decide alone what its next move will be.

Mr Peres told anti-war protesters this week that he was in favour of a full withdrawal. an attitude apparently shared by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, his Defence Minister. But others in the Cabinet support only a partial. pullback and the debate is expected to become the dominant issue.

ant issue.

As one Israeli official observed about the need for a decision on various military options that have been put forward. There can be no good. choice; the choices are between

Minister of Trade and Industry Brigadier General Amos bad and worse, and chief architect of the 1982. Gilboa, chief of the Israeli © NAQOURA: After another

agreed to the deployment of UN

reflected a belief here that the tanean to the Syrian frontier (Our Middle East Correspondent writes). . For their part, the Lebanese who now insist that any UN

force must be positioned south of the Litani and control the area right down to the Israeli border - accused the Israelis of making "too many conditions we cannot accept".

By any measure, the talks at UN headquarters at Nagoura were heavy with pessimism and foreboding Israeli military delegates were hinting strongly that even if they turned up for the next round of negotiations on January 7, their Army might begin its withdrawal from the Awali river and out of Sidon before that date, an event which Lebanon fears could precipitate a civil war around the country's third largest city.

So much mutual suspicion clouds the proposals of both Israelis and Lebanese that it was probably inconceivable that any progress could have been made

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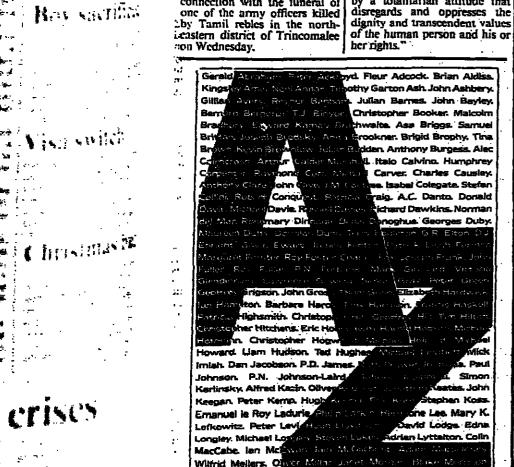
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Three faces of Gadaffi: The Libyan leader in a variety of moods after his talks with Señor González

Libyan leader that the recent unity pact between Libya and Morocco would not harm months ago... Spanish interests. The meeting

Colonel Gadaffi and at least two big papers demanded that he explain in Parliament the circumstances and the outcome

of the talks.

El Pais, which usually sides with the Government was particularly hostile. In a leading article, it spoke of "the facilities which international terrorism-. has obtained in Libya from the hands of this leader, whom

activist groups have generated Spanish newspapers attacked such serious episodes as the one Prime Minister for meeting at the Libyan Embassy in London".

The paper referred to the Majorca meeting which a government spokesman discribed as an act of "direct diplomacy" as "a circus".

The leading article said: "The conditions of surprise and misinformation surrounding the talks in Majorca give the impression that Libyan interests were uppermost."

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for \$900,000 (£750,000) to an some believe to be a lunatic. The liberal Diatio 16 editori-ETA leader in France only a few His activity and that of his ally raosted Senor González for meeting on Spanish soil with the terrorist politician who sends abundant cash to finance ETA, the organization which represents the principal danger

> democracy PARIS: French and Greek military officers who are already in Tripoli, will go to Chad to monitor the withdrawal of Libyan troops, M Charles Hernu, the French Defence Minister, said yesterday (Reuter

the stability of Spanish

His remarks to journalists came after an announcement by M Roland Dumas, the Foreign

 DAKAR: The Gambia and bya have decided to resume diplomatic relations immediately, it was announced in Banjul (Susan MacDonald

Relations were broken off by The Gambia in 1980 amid accusations that the Libyans were training young Gambians with a view to overthrowing the regime of President Jawark.

Mild spell saves wine harvest in Germany

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Oestrich-Winkel West Germany (Reuter) - Growers of the world's northernmost commercial wines are relieved and delighted that the bulk of their 1984 crop has been saved after coming close to catastrophe.

"Pleasant little table wines" is how Count Erwin Matusch-ka-Greiffenklan described this year's wine from his family estate, Schloss Vollrads, above this ancient winegrowing town, beside the Rhine.

As President of the West German Estate Winegrowers' Association, he said this picture could be applied across the nation's vineyards, although there were regional bright spots where qualities were better than average. Experts speak of a modest but very drinkable vintage.

The surprisingly favourable outcome of 1984's harvest for West German growers, who concentrate mainly on white wines, contrasted with the

wines, contrasted with the gloom of a few weeks ago.

A drenching, sunless summer followed by an unusually chilly autumn left the grapes stil unripe on the eve of harvest. On top of this, there were mildew outbreaks.

"The first two weeks of November were the best sum-mer we had this year," Count Matuschka joked. Many growers had left their grapes on the vine late and the unseasonable dry, sunny spell saved the crop.

The 1984 yield is estimated at between 770 and 780 million litres, 40 per cent down on last year but only about 15 per cent under the long-term average.

Greeks in Albania allowed closer links with Athens

From Mario Modiano, Athens

and introvert of all the commu-nist states in the Balkans, has posts in the administration. agreed to allow closer contacts Officially, the Albanians esti-between its Greek minority and mate the Greek minority to

Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said: "To the extent that our relations with Albania improve, the Greek minority will be facilitated in its contacts with Greece. In the first phase, this will benefit the aged and the sick."

He was speaking after a trip to Albania earlier this month,

the first political visit at Cabinet springboard to invade Greece in the Second World War.
Albania recently put out feelers to Greece and a few

Western countries for improv-ing relations in all fields. Greece responded in a positive way by renouncing its old territorial claim on southern Albania (north Epirus), but also voicing concern about the well-being of the Greck minority there.

Ethnic Greeks flee regularly from Albania and give a grim picture of oppression and denial of basic freedoms to the minority, particularly freedom of worship, so vital to Greeks. A recent Amnesty International report spoke of cruelty in Albanian prison camps.

Mr Papoulias suggested that Amnesty had to rely on the accounts of refugees which were not always accurate.

The minister, who was born on the Albanian side of the border, said he had met severa

Albania, the most isolated schoolmates from the Greek number about 50,000, but Mr Papoulias's own guess was nearer 200,000 ethnic Greeks.

There was nothing Greece could do about the suppression of religion, he said. "Albania is the only officially atheistic country in the world and any demarche would constitute an interference in their internal

Thanks to five agreements he signed during his visit, how-ever, it would be possible to level in more than 40 years - ever, it would be possible to since Italy used Albania as a send experts from Greece to coach teachers for the minority schools; postal delivery of letters and parcels would be expedited; the main highway between the two countries. closed since 1940, would be reopened at Kakavia pass on January 1; and the Greeks in Albania would be able to

telephone relatives in Greece. What seems to be inducing the Greeks to give priority to closer political relations with Albania is their concern about developments in that country once its leader. Mr Enver Hoxha, aged 76, who has been at the helm for the past 40 years, goes.

They fear that because of tense relations with neighbouring Yugoslavia, his successors might turn to the Soviet Union for support. Greek officials believe this could destabilize not only the Balkans but the entire Mediterranean.

Military shake-up, page 9

Sri Lanka PM given security job

From Harry Debelius Madrid

isation, ETA (Basque Home-

The unannounced meeting took place at the instigation of

Dr Kreisky, who arranged the Libyan leader's "private" visit to Spain and took part in the talks, Colonel Gadaffi flew in,

d principle notice to news media,

"in about midday on Wednes-

... day. The Spanish Prime Minis-

order arrived from Madrid in the

At an earlier, separate news conference at the end of the meeting. Senor González said

no specific agreement were reached, but there was "recipro-

.: cal loyalty in our relationship

D- Señor Gonzaález said he

Spain could co-operate with

n. The Spanish Prime Minister.

said the question of terrorism

did not come up, and added:

"Neither Spain nor Libya would

do anything to disturb the stability of the other country".

timely, because of newly-pub-

lished evidence strongly sug-gesting that Libya sent a cheque

The references to ETA were

North African countries.

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afternoon.

s yesterday.

From Donovan Moldrich Colombo

Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, was sworn in by President Jayawardene yesterday as Minister of Emergency Civil Administration, in addition to his other

The new ministry will prepare and implement a plan to protect roads, bridges, electricity and water supplies and maintain essential services, including food, fuel health and transport. Mr Premadasa said the Government was prepared to face any challenges to the unity of the state from Tamil

Security yesterday announced | peace"; that it was prepared to provide draining in the use of firearms :Colombo.

... On Wednesday, the Minister ne emphasized the responsimof Education. Youth Affairs, and Employment, Mr Ranif Wickremasinghe, was entrusted with a new Ministry of Manpower Mobilization, which will draw up schemes for voluntary, or compulsory national service. depending on the needs of the armed forces.

A curiew was imposed from I om yesterday to Sam today in predominantly Roman Catholic town of Negombo, 22 miles north of Colombo, in connection with the funeral of

Pope hits at totalitarian regimes Rome (Reuter) - The Pope

said in a peace message issued yesterday that totalitarian regimes and ideologies bear a great responsibility for the precarious nature of peace today.

In a 19-page message for the Roman Catholic Church's 18th World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, the Pope said the world's present difficulties were a test for humanity. The Pope addressed the

message particularly to young peple, but also to parents, teachers, those suffering from injustice and to political lead-The Ministry of National responsibility for the cause of The Pope said the world was

faced with many threats of war. for licensed gun owners in Without mentioning specific political ideologies or nations, he emphasized the responsi-"Such ultimate causes of

conflict are to be found especially in the ideologies that have dominated our century and continue to do so, manifesting themselves in political, economic and social systems and taking control of the way people think.

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Zia-ul-Haq has been elected President of Pakistan by more than 98 per cent of votes cast in a national referendum, the state-run Pakistan radio announced yesterday on the basis of preliminary results.

The broadcast said results showed that 64 per cent of 35 million registered voters took part in Wednesday's ballot despite a call for a boycott by clandestine opposition move-

Opposition leaders claimed the referendum was rigged "on a vast scale" and said the real turn-out was less than 5 per cent in some places.

With all opposition cam paigning banned, General Zia asked voters to endorse him as President for a five-year term and to approve his programme for total Islamization of the laws and practices of Pakistan.

The polls closed 90 minutes later than planned on Wednesday to accommodate what the authorities said was an unprecedented last-minute rush. Reporters who toured polling stations in Islamabad and neighbouring Rawalpindi at that time found them almost

Pakistan radio sald full results had been received early on Thursday from 32 electoral districts, about one-third of the total, and that more than 13 million votes had been counted. The National Election Commission said earlier that it would not announce results until the final count was

cy, the Associated Press of Pakistan, gave final results from Islamabad. It said the turn-out in the capital was 53.4 per cent, with 76.046 of valid votes for General Zia and 2,123 against, a majority of 97.2 per cent.

CLAIMS QUERIED: The

Government claim of an overwhelming affirmative vote has been seriously questioned by all opposition (Hasan Akhtar

Most acknowledged opposition parties had already called for a boycott. Three principal leaders of the eleven opposition party alliance, the Movement for Restoration of Democracy, have asserted that independent accounts of voting showed not

more than 5 per cent turnout.
General Tikka Khan, a
former Army Chief of Staff and
the late Mr Bhutto's Defence Minister, yesterday accused the martial law administration of massive rigging to achieve an alleged record turnout in sup-port of General Zia. General Tikka, acting Secretary-General of the late Mr Bhutto's People's Party said that the MRD had demanded that the chief election commissioner resign for failing to hold a fair refer-endum. He also asked General Zia to step down because, according to him, he had failed to win the vote and public

MRD leaders have called on people to observe protest meetings at prayers today.

Christmas alert for terrorists

From Michael Binyon Bonn

The West German Federal prosecutor has told people to be on their guard over Christmas and report any suspicious activities after the claim by the underground Red Army Faction that it was responsible for the attempted bombing of a Nato training school in Oberammergau.

General Kurt Rebmann said about 15 wanted ringleaders of the faction, formerly known as the Baader-Meinhof gang, were still at large, and were equipped with weapons and money. He asked the public to tell the police of any unusual attempts to rent flats, hire warehouses or

keep watch on people.
On Tuesday police defused a
55lb bomb in the boot of a car outside the Nato training centre. A young man was seen running off after parking the car, which had American licence plates stolen from another car. Yesterday a woman caller told a Munich newspaper that the Red Army Faction had planted the bomb, which failed to explode because of a

defective time-fuse. Police suspect that the attack, thefirst for some years by the once-powerful terrorist group, might be linked to a hunger strike by imprisoned Red Army Faction leaders. Some 35 in the protest begun in Stammheim top security prison on December 4. They are fasting to back a demand that they should all be grouped together.

Police announced yesterday that the explosives found in the car on Tuesday originated in



Minister's plea: Herr Genscher (centre) emerging from the West German Embassy in Prague after his appeal to the East German refugees.

Genscher asks Prague refugees to quit From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genthe West German Minister, yesterday urged the 63 East German rofugees in the West German Embassy in Prague to return home, saying this was the only way they could get exit visas to

Meeting the would-be emigrants, including the 40 who are on hunger strike, at the end of his three-day visit to Czechoslo-vakia, Herr Genscher assured

who returned home. But he said Bonn had been unable to obtain any guarrantee that they would be allowed to leave.

Bonn has already twice sent Herr Ludwig Rehlinger, the official who has been conducting the arduous negotiations with East Berlin, to Prague to urge the refugees to leave. But Herr Heinrich Windelen, the Minister for Intra-German Affairs, said a hard core were vakia, Herr Genscher assured holding out. In a newspaper them that East Berlin had interview through the railings promised not to punish those of the Prague embassy garden

some of the refugees said they would continue their hunger strike until the bitter end. .

On Tuesday Herr Genscher laid a wreath in Lidice, the Czech village where the men were shot and the women taken to concentration camps in 1942 in reprisal for the assassination of Heydrich. He also laid a wreath on the grave of a

German soldier shot by the SS in May 1945 Chancellor Kohl yesterday accepted an invitation to visit Czechoslovakia next year.

Georgia's Stalin cult

Home town reveres its favourite son

From Richard Owen, Gori, Soviet Georgia

it begins in Thilisi, where frieze high on the Party History Institute en Rustaveli Avenue, and gazes in full an oil pulating in the savings

ent a Stalin Bridge, even a ment, a Stain Bridge, etc. a Scalin Park, an appropriately joyless place set high above the town and reached by a rickety funicular railway. Every Geor-gian lorry driver's cab, every shop, has its photograph of Georgian most farmers and

The Stalin cult reaches a crescendo in Gori, two bours' drive away. Here Stalin stands outside the town hall on the main square, in the place normally reserved for Lenin. The one-roomed but in which Stalin – then Josif Dhugashvili - was born is preserved as a shrine, its sparseness empha-sizing the humble origins of the shoemaker's son who rose to

Nearby is the grandiose Stalin Museum, founded in two modest rooms in 1939 but modest rooms in 1939 but expanded in 1958 in defiance of Khrashchev's destallaization campaign. Inside, light pours through blue and yellow glass on to white marble statues of on to wante marine statues or stalin as a young revolutionary and as a war leader, and room after room of photographs depict his career in sanitized

Guides speak reverently of a man who proclaimed his modesty to Tbilisi workers at a 1926 meeting, who later re-marked: "As for me. I am only Lenin's pupil", and who in 1938 ordered a book about his childhood to be burned because

it was "too grovelling". There is no mention that in the 1930s Stalin also ordered the deaths of millions of people in the purges and enforced collectivization of agriculture. Trotsky, Bukharia and other prominent victims have literally been erased from the photo-graphs as they were ex-tinguished in life.

er, and all visitors over 50 react with emotion to the sound of Stalin's disem-bodied voice delivering his bodied voice delivering his 1941 rallying call to the nation. In the tomb-like chill of the final room Stalin's death mask lies on a marble plinth sunk in the floor, surrounded by white columns. A painting of his lying-in-state bangs on the wall.

Not all Georgians admire Stalin, whose terror struck down the Georgian intelligentand cruel", one Tbilisi resident Hitler, and left the Soviet Union more powerful than

versary of the end of the Second World War has given the Soviet Union to rehabilitate Stalin, at least partially.

All Russians have mixed feelings about him, and very few would go along with the view presented at Gori. On the other hand, the museum is expecting huge numbers from all over the country to come to Gori to mark Stalin's 105th birthday today; not perhaps the 45,000 who came for the centenary, but enough to confirm the new interest in man who for years has been

In recent months Stalin has been increasingly discussed or mentioned in the Soviet media. Television has shown him in his white marshal's uniform at Yalta and Potsdam, and addressing the nation at the outbreak of war, when he spoke of "brothers and sisters" instead of "comrades", and appealed to history and religion rather than Marx and Lenin.

The new film, Marshal Zhukor, depicts a Stalin who was often indecisive or arbitrary, but who was also often firm, intelligent and wise. Even Stalin's role in the revolution is under discussion, with a reemergence of the (false) suggestion that Stalin was prominent in 1917 and always backed

The Gori museum intends to expand still further for next May's Victory Day cele-brations, with sections on Stalin and his generals (avoiding his slaughter of Red Army officers), and one on Stalin's family, including his son, Yakov, who died a German Svetlana, Stalin's errant daughter, might live in Tbilisi rather than Moscow stirred local pride.

At a wine celliar in Thilisi. the monstachioed shopkeeper pulled back a curtain to reveal a private collection of Stalin photos and mementoes. "I shall be drinking his health on Friday", he said with a broad smile, raising an earthenware bowl of Kakhetian wine. "Here's to a true son of

Mintoff visit cements Malta's Moscow links

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

between Malta and the Soviet Union, and confirmed Malta's role in Russia's strategy for gaining influence on the Medi-

Mr Mintoff was given a red carpet send-off to match his red carpet welcome on Monday. At Moscow airport for his depar-ture were Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Prime Minister, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, both of whom had held talks with Mr Mintoff

during the visit.

The highlight of the trip was Mr Mintoff's meeting on Wednesday with President Chernenko, who used the occasion to underline Moscows desire for

East-West desente. A statement on the talks said the two sides had agreed on the need to ban nuclear-capable ships from the Mediterranean, should be allowed on the territory of non-nuclear powers in the area.

Diplomats have speculated that Malta may sign a treaty of friendship with Moscow, and may support the Soviet view that Spains membership of Nato upsets the political balthough Spain is not yet fully intergrated into the Nato

Malta may now be hoping for territory.

greater Soviet investment in the Mr Tikhonov accepted an island, including orders for invitation to visit Malta, but no Malta's shipbuilding industry. date has been agreed.

Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Malta and Russia signed an Minister of Malta, left Moscow agreement honouring Malta's yesterday after four days of talks neutrality three years ago which set the seal of close ties together with a five-year trade

> A communique issued by Tass after the visit called for the Mediterranean to be turned into a zone of stable peace, security



Mr Mintoff: Received red carpet treatment.

and co-operation". It also called for the extension of military confidence-building measures to the region, a "co-ordinated reduction of armed forces" in the region.

The communique proposed a commitment by the nuclear powers, including the Soviet Union, not to use nuclear weapons against any mediterranean country which dose not allow nuclear weapons on its

Police return all but two of ITN's cassettes

Johannesburg - The South African security Police yester-day returned all but two of the 33 video cassettes they seized on Wednesday in a raid on the office here of ITN (Michael ·Hornsby writes).

A spokesman for ITN said that one of the cassettes still held by police contained an interview with Mrs Ela Ramgobin, the granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi and a senior member of the Natal Indian Congress, a radical opposition

Mrs Ramgobin's husband Newa, is one of eight United Democratic Front and Natal Indian Congress members charged with treason. It is thought the raid on the ITN office may have been to collect evidence that could be used at a treason trial expected in the new year.



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In harmony: Children singing for Mrs Thatcher during her visit to a Hong Kong nursery school. Tradeaccord Hong Kong angry at lack may follow of say in drafting law Sino-Soviet initiative Sir Percy Cradock, former to resent that, as with the Sino- British ambassador in Peking, British declaration, they will who played a leading role

have no direct say in the throughout the negotiations, drafting of their future consti-tintion, or basic law. the said: "You've got great chunks of the basic law already in the On Wednesday Mrs Margaret agreement, a reference to Thatcher, in Peking to sign the Annex I which sets out the agreement under which the framework of Hong Kong's colony will revert to Chinese future administration, including rule in 1997 told the British its legal, monetary, economic, press: "You wouldn't expect judicial, education, transporrepresentatives of Hong Kong tation systems as well as "basic to sit on the drafting committee rights and freedoms", which because it will be drawn up by will remain largely unchanged

the law of China. You would kong is handed back to China. expect China to draft it."

Mrs. Thatcher said, when The Prime Minister went to asked if it was unreasonable great lengths to stress that that the people of Hong Kong Chinese leaders had assured her should want actual representhat they would solicit "a wide tation on the basic law drafting range of opinion in Hong committee: "That is not the Kong" on the drafting.

The basic law is the law Kong on the drafting. This means that the future of China.

the Chinese ... the basic law is for half a century after Hong-

constitution will stipulate that Pressed further on the point China's socialist system and that the people of Hong Kong socialist policies will not be are insisting that people from a extended to the Hong Kong socialist system should not be special administration region drafting the basic law for and Hong Kong's capitalist another (capitalist) system, Mrs system and lifestyle will remain Thatcher snapped: unchanged for 50 years from the Hong Kong is insisting that? In

24 Greek

officers go

in purge

From Mario Modiano

Athens

Eighteen Army generals, five

admirals, and one air marshal have been discharged by the

Socialist Government in the

past 48 hours in an extensive

shake-up of the Greek military

leadership.

From Our Correspondent

The arrival of the Soviet

Peking

Union's First Deputy Prime

Minister, Mr Ivan Ārkhipov, id

Peking today is another step forward on the difficult road of

Both countries have, in

recent weeks, repeatedly ex-

pressed a desire for improve-

ment in relations and Mr

Arkhipov's eight-day - visit is

expected to result in the signing

a trade and economic

Mr Arkhipov is the highest-

ranking Soviet official to visit

Peking in 15 years and although

he is unlikely to meet China's

most important leader Mr Deng Xiaoping or party General Secretary Mr Hu Yaobang he

will probably meet the Prime

Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, The

Chinese, flushed from the success of Mrs Margaret

Thatcher's visit and her praise to their leadership, are unlikely

to pass up this opportunity to show off their stable pragmatic

and politically sophisticated

approach that wants peace to achieve prosperity.

The visit is unlikely to reduce what China calls the three

obstacles" in their relations: the

strength of the Soviet military

presence along their common

border, the Soviet presence in Afghanistan and the Kremilin's

support of Vietnam's occu-pation of Cambodia.

trialists last month that the two

nations might set up joint

committees to promote trade-

and economic co-operation. The Soviet Union also needs

light manufactured goods from

China while China needs Soviet

machinery to upgrade its

factories in the north-east.

Mr Arkhipov is the right person to discuss these matters

of mutual benefit with the

Chinese: he is largely respon-

sible for economic affairs and

He was the senior Soviet adviser in China in the 1950s. It

remains to be seen whether he

will discuss with leaders here

recently promulgated reforms of

China's economic structure. The reform slogan (Socialism

with Chinese characteristics),

recent publicity surrounding the

role of Marxist ideology in

solving all of China's economic

problems and the Deng leader-

ship's attempts to remove the stranglehold of Stalinist econ-

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planning in the Soviet Union.

Mr Hu told Japanese indus-

Sino-Soviet relations.

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Hong Kong, the basic law is stipulated in the annexes to the

Mrs Thatcher, bowever, did throw some light on the role of which will be set up soon. It will she said play a monitoring role in the implementation of the basic law which the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Zhao Ziyang, told her, will be completed by 1990.

The liaison group will also be consulted she said, on political reforms in Hong Kong prior to Some groups in Hong Kong

have already expressed concern that the liaison group will become an organ of power in Hong Kong, where it will be based from 1988. What Mrs Thatcher has said raises the possibility that the Sino-British team, which is being set up to

ensure the smooth transition. will hamper the development of a democratic process in Hong Kong, since many people believe China will not allow Hong Kong is insisting that? In Hong Kong to have a directly so far as it affects the people of elected local government.

M'Bow stays away as US quits Unesco

tion, when she delivered might not now be leaving. But it Washington's formal notice did not and we must conclude - yesterday that the US was sadly and with regret - that it is leaving Unesco at the end of the not ready for such reforms.

The changes, which for the first time put an Air Force officer, Air Chief Marshal Nikos Kouris, at the top of the armed forces, involved the replacement of all the commanders of army corps and regional units, the fleet and tactical air force. hese, and not the departure of A Government spokesman Mr M'Bow, whose term runs to rejecting opposition accusations 987, would persuade the that this was a partisan purge, United States to return, she

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However, the newspaper Arghi, mouthpiece of the Greek Unesco's late pleas that the Eurocommunists, claimed yes-terday that the purge was reform programme was under way, claims that were supposted ordered when documents seized yesterday by the host country, France, were rejected by Mrs Gerard. She said the United States was leaving because Unesco has become, unin the homes of right-wing retired officers, during investigations into a series of bomb-ings, disclosed lists of active officers thought to be willing to fortunately, a champion of omic planning on China make help stage a military coup. The extreme statist philosophies this a highly sensitive topic. Government denied the report. which run counter to Western

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Unesco's controversial Direc- because it both costs too much tor-General, took himself off to and does not know how to North Yemen and so avoided manage itself wisely". meeting Mrs Jean Gerard, US. She added: "Had Unesco Ambassador to the organiza- adopted concrete reforms, we

The United States would not Mrs Gerard announced that return until there was "imshe was returning to Washing- proved management, a return to

ton and would leave behind a basic mandates with pro-six-man observer team to grammes and changes to protect monitor hoped for reforms in minorities". Mrs Gerard said it Unesco (the United Nations was up to Congress to decide on Educational, Scientific and the use of the \$47 million Cultural Organization). Only million) US contribution the use of the \$47 million (£40 She made a final suggestion

on how Unesco could save on overheads. The general conference, due for Sofia next autumn, should be held in Paris and so avoid the travelling, hotel and entertainment ex-

penses of 700 Unesco staff. Would the US be leaving the Unesco field to the Russians? Many of the objectionable programmes were theirs. So let hem pay for them". Britain has asked for reforms

in nine key areas if it is to stay in Unesco at the end of 1985.

Thais burn £85m haul of drugs

Bangkok. - Thailand yester-

day destroyed more than 12 tons of Narcotics in one of the most expensive fires in the country's history (Neil Kelly

The drugs, which included heroin, opium, and 10 tons of marijuana, were worth nearly £85 million in Western cities Police had seized them in more than 900 separate raids, most of them in the past year. In the past month, police using helicopters have raided

secret manijuana plantations in five North-Eastern provinces, destroying more than 1,500 tons of marijuana growing in deep valleys difficult to reach except by helicopter. Police said no arrests had been made because the growers had fled before their

Note of caution on Cyprus deal Athens - "Restrained opti-

mism" for a Cyprus settlement was expressed by President Kyprianou of Cyprus, and Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, after dis-cussions with President Karamanlis in Athens yesterday (Mario Modiano writes).

Mr Kyprianon, who is meet-ing Mr Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish-Cypriot leader, in New York on January 17, told reporters: "There has been progress, but the Cyprus prob-lem has not been solved."

based on some social moral or

Before Lord Justice Eveleigh, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Parker There were in essence two matters to be investigated, namely Judgment delivered December 201 A notice given by the Department of Health and Social Security to area health authorities in December 1980 (a) the extent of a parent's rights and duties with respect to the medical treatment of a girl under 16 and (b) the extent to which, if at all, the provision of the criminal law assisted in the determination of the ontraceptive and abortion advice extent of the parent's rights and duties in relation specifically to contraception or abortion advice clinical discretion and without parental knowledge and consent, was contrary to law. The Court of Appeal so held in a

ontracepoon of approximation advice and treatment.

Dealing first with (a), his Lordship considered the statutory background. Until the Family Law Reform Act 1969, by which the age eserved judgment, allowing an operal by the plaintiff, Mrs Victoria appeal by the plaintiff. Mrs Victoria Gillick, from the decision of Mr Justice Woolf who on July 26, 1983 (The Times, July 27, 1983, [1984] QB 581) dismissed her claim against the two defendants, the West Norfolk and Wisbech Area Health Authority and the Department of of majority was reduced from 21 to 18, there was no statutory provision as to a minor's consent to surgical medical or dental treatment. Section 8 provided that the consent of a Authority and the Department of Health and Social Security, for declarations (i) as against both defendants, that the advice contained in Health Notice, HN (80) minor aged 16 or over was as effective as if he were of full age. Sections 85 and 86 of the Sections 83 and 86 of the Children Act 1975 appeared to recognize that the parents of a child had both rights and duties in respect of a child which they could not opt out of, and defined "legal custody" 44. was unlawful; and (ii) as against the area health authority, that no doctor or other professional person employed by them might give any contraceptive or abortion advice or treatment to any child below the age of 16 without the prior knowledge and consent of the child's parent or as "so much of the parental rights and duties as relate to the person of the child (including the place and manner in which his time is

guardian.
In 1980 the DHSS issued to area health authorities a notice dealing with the organization and development of a family planning service. On the face of it, if there was a right and duty to determine the place and manner in which a child's must cover the right and duty completely to control the child subject of course always to the It stated that family planning clinic sessions should be available to intervention of the court.

people irrespective of their age. It emphasized that attempts should Indeed there must be such a right from birth to a fixed age unless whenever, short of majority, a question arose it must be deterclinics to involve parents or guardians, and stated that it would be most unusual to provide mined, in relation to a particular child and a particular matter, whether he or she was of sufficient contraceptive advice and treatme understanding to make a responsible and reasonable decision. without parental consent, but that in exceptional cases it was for the doctor, exercising his clinical judgment, to decide whether

That alternative appeared to be singularly unattractive and imprac-ticable particularly in the context of Finally, section 48 of the Education Act 1944 recognized the

right of a parent to control the treatment provided at schools for any child up to the age of 19. Taken together, those statutory provisions supported the plaintiff's case. His Lordship then considered the

case law, which could be divided with medical treatment, such as In re D (a Minor) (Wardship: Sterilization) ([1976] Fam 185) and Sterilization) ([19/6] Fam 185) and In re P (a Minor) ([1981] 80 LGR 301); and (2) those dealing with custody such as R V Howes ([1860] 3 E & E 332); In re Agar-Ellis ([1883] 24 ChD 317). Hower v Briant ([1970] 1 QB 357), R v D ([1984] 3 WLR 186 and Pcople v Educif (1943) II 15) Mr Gerard Wright, QC and Mr David Poole, QC, for the plaintiff, Mr John Laws for the defendants, dgc ([1943] IR 115). So far as of

his Lordship had not found anything in any case which supported the view that at least up to the age of discretion either a child that the plaintiff's purpose in bring-ing the action was to establish the extent of parental rights and duties in respect of girls under 16, for there was no suggestion that any of her own daughters, of which there were itself or anyone dealing with the child could lawfully interfere with the parents' rights flowing from custody.

That such rights (and duties) existed could not be doubted. Nor

could it be doubted that up to some question to be determined was what

cases where an information was so fundamentally bad that it could not be cured by amendment, but that in many cases a delicient information

could be made good by amendment

or delivery of particulars.

The observation of Mr Justice

her rights and duties and to do so by way of action for a declaration rather than by way of judicial appeared that, in general, that age was the age of majority so far as It was clear that respectable and responsible people might hold different strong and sincere views as outsiders were concerned albeit that in habeas corpus proceedings some one who had reached the age of discretion might give a consent questions arising out of the case but their Lordships were concerned which would prevent a parent recovering custody and that for the only with the legal position, albeit purposes of a defence to a commo

discretion might suffice.
His Lordship was of the opinion

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DHSS contraceptive notice is unlawful

that the present law was that, save in so far as changed by statute or by such recognized exceptions as marriage or joining the armed forces, the age of majority prevailed. Indeed if it did not, the jurisdiction of the court which lasted till the age of majority, could be stultified, for decisions could be taken which might be against the interests of the child without the parents knowing and thus having the opportunity to resort to the court for its assistance. His Lordship then considered the

criminal law aspects under (b). Before Mr Justice Woolf, consideration of the question of the possible criminal liability of a doctor providing contraceptive advice and contending that a doctor who did so would be committing an offence under section 28 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 or aiding and abetting an offence under section 6 of that Act.

Whether in an individual case a doctor who followed the guidance notes would commit a criminal offence of either kind had to depend on the circumstances

referred to and other provisions of the Act remained of importance, as public policy. Furthermore, some assistance was to be found in this connection from other sections and

His Lordship referred to the Offences against the Person Acts 1861 and 1875 and the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 before returning to the Sexual Offences Act 1956. Section 14 of the 1956 Act provided that a girl under 16 could not in law give any consent so as to prevent an act being an indecent assault under the section A normal preliminary to contra-

ceptive advice and treatment was a vaginal examination and some intraceptive devices involved in their fitting that which would without consent, prima facie be indecent assaults. It might be that a doctor, who without the consent of a woman examined her vagina for medical purposes, committed no indecent assault but there were clearly strong arguments the other

In his Lordship's view a doctor who, for example, examined a 10 year old, was at least at risk of prosecution unless he had the consent of a parent and that was so up to the age of 16, when, if the child consented, the consent was valid by statute and the offence the law that for a plain civil trespass to sue in certain circumstances. The provisions of the criminal

law all appeared to support the view which had already been expressed. It was true that prior to 1885 the consent of a girl under 16 would prevent intercourse with her being a crime, but since then girls under 16 d been consistently treated as being unable to give consent It was wholly incongruous, when the act of intercourse was criminal,

one's premises was criminal and failing to report an act of intercourse to the police would up to 1967 have been criminal, that either the DHSS or the area health authority should provide facilities which would enable girls under 16 the more readily to commit such acts. It was equally incongruous to

advice and treatment without reference to their parents and even

It might well be that it would be highly unlikely that, in the case of a girl aged, say 10, a doctor would do any such thing but that was irrelevant. The question was simply whether a doctor was entitled to do so or whether in doing so he would infringe the parents' legal rights.

In the final analysis the positio was as follows. It was clearly established that a parent or guardian had, as such, a parcel of rights in relation to children in his custody. By statute, such rights could, in general, be neither abandonded not

Such rights included the right to control the manner in which and the place at which the child spent his time. Those rights would be enforced by the court subject to the right of the court to override the parental rights in the interests of the child.

There was no authority of any kind to suggest that anyone other than the court could interfere with the parents' rights otherwise than by resort to the courts, or pursuant to specific statutory powers or excer

It was clearly recognized that there was some age below which a child was incapable as a matter of child was incapable as a matter of law from giving any valid consent or making any valid decision for itself in regard to its custody or upbringing. The authorities indicated that that age was 16 in the case of girls and 14 in the case of boys at all events for the purposes of habeas So far as girls were concerned, the

provisions of the criminal law showed that Parliament had taken the view that the consent of a girl under 16 in the matter of sexua ntercourse was a nullity. In the light of all that his ordship concluded that as a matter

of law a girl under 16 could give no valid consent to anything in the areas under consideration which apart from consent would constitute an assault whether civil or criminal, and could impose no valid prohibition on a doctor seeking purental consent. Further, any doctor who advised

a girl under 16 as to contraceptive sieps to be taken or afforded contraceptive advice or abortion treatment to such a girl without the parents, save in emergency, in-fringed the legal rights of the parent or guardian. Save in emergency, the proper course was to seek parental consent or to apply to the court. The appeal should be allowed. Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice

Eveleigh delivered concurring judg

The following declarations were accordingly granted: (1) that the notice issued by the DHSS in December 1980 setting out a revised form of section G of the Memorandum of Guidanceissued in May 1974, was contrary to law; and (2); that no doctor or other professional person employed by the first defendant either in the Family Planning Service or otherand/or abortion advice and/or treatment to any child of the plaintuff below the age of 16 without the prior knowledge and consent of the child's parent or guardian save in cases of emergency or with the

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted. Solicitors: Ollard & Bentley.

Amendment to information alleged different misdoing MR JUSTICE MCCULLOUGH said that it was clear from Hutchinson (Cincmas) Ltd v Tyson ((1969) 134 JP 202, 207) that, despite the very wide words of section 123 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, there could be

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough

[Judgment delivered December 14]

traceptive advice or treatment

should be provided.

The plaintiff, who was then the

mother of four girls under the age of

authority seeking an assurance from

or treatment would be given to any

of her children while under 16 without her knowledge and consent.

The area health authority refused to

give such an assurance, expressing their intention of abiding by the advice contained in the notice.

Mr Justice Woolf held that the advice contained in the notice was

not unlawful and that a doctor who

followed that advice would not necessarily render himself liable 10

criminal proceedings. The plaintiff

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said

now five under 16, would be likely

It was clear, however, that she

attempt to establish the extent of

or treatment without her consent.

Where a defective information pointed to an identifiable misdoing it could be cured by an amendment which left it still directed to the same misdoing, if need be coupled with an adjournment, provided that

with an adjournment, provided that that could be done without injustice to the defendant.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing an appeal by Robert Edward Simpson, by way of case stated, against his conviction by Warley Justices of causing unnecessary suffering to a dog. contrary to section 1(1) of the Protection of Animals Act 1911. The information as laid had been defective, but the justices had allowed an application by the prosecutor, Chief Inspector Janice Lesley Roberts, to amend it, more than six months after the commission of the alleged offence but mission of the alleged offence but before a plea had been taken. Mr James Badenoch for the defendant; Mr Frank Chapman for

Ashworth in Garman v Plaice ([1969] 1 WLR 19.23) that an information which did not disclose an offence was void ab initio was obiter and probably was intended to mean no more than that the defect could not be cured after conviction. could not be cured after conviction.

In his Lordship's judgment, the remarks of Lord Widgery in Garfield v Maddocks ([1974] QB 7, 15) and R v Newcastle upon Tyne Justices. Ex pante John Bryce (Contractors) Ltd ([1976] 1 WLR 517, 521) indicated the broad principle applicable to questions of this kind; an information which was good enough to enable a defendant to identify the misdoing alleged

Residence can constitute close connection Regins v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Zandfani Periode of recidence slope could Regins v Immigration Appeal Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 394) which provided that a person

Periods of residence alone could be sufficient to constitute a close connection with the United-King-dom within the meaning of

Occupation' for Rent Act can be temporary Naish v Curzon and Another

Where the owner of a dwellinghouse occupied it from time to time before letting it he was entitled to recover possession of it from the tenants, under Case 11 of Schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977, as a person who had "occupied the dwelling-house as his residence".

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice urchas) on December 17 dismissed an appeal against an order of Judge McManus at Brighton County Court for possession of the premises.

LORD JUSTICE OLIVER said that the owner, who lived mainly in South Africa, purchased the house in 1971 and lived in it from time to time down to the date in 1980 when

time down to the appellant.
There was nothing in the Schedule which imposed any requirement of permanence in relation to the owner's occupation.
It was a question of fact whether the house was occupied as a residence. and it was sufficient if the temporary or intermittent.

seeking entry as a person of independent means had to demonstrate inter alia, a close connection with the United Kingdom, Mr Justice Woolf so held on

Mr Justice Woolf so held on December 10 in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the applicant judicial review of the dismissal by the tribunal of his appeal against the adjudicator's dismissal of his appeal against the refusal of entry clearance. The applicant, for his adult life from 17 to 27 had been articles in the United Kingdom as a resident in the United Kingdom as a student and had funds of £250,000. HIS LORDSHIP said that the

applicant regarded this country as his home and all his friends were here. Residence of that sort was capable of amounting to a sufficient connection. Whether it did so or not was a matter for the tribunal and accordingly the matter would be remitted to the tribunal for reconsideration

Corrections in Block King Shipping v Massi

(The Times December 17) in addition to the coursel listed, Management

addition to the counsel listed, Mr Jonathan Sumption appeared for Wyang and Miss Geraldine Andrews for Mr Massie.

In Allen & Hanburys Ltd v Generics (UK) Ltd (The Times December 19) Mr Anthony Watson and Mr Guy Burkill, instructed by Bristows Cooke & Carpmael on Allen & Hanburys and appeared for Allen & Hanburys; and Mr Nicholas Pumfrey and Mr Richard Hacon, instructed by S. J. Berwin & Co, for Generics.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH organist him could be amended so long as it continued to allege the futchinson (Cincmas) Ltd v Tyson same misdoing.

A review of the relevant lespite the very wide words of authorities had confirmed his continued to allege the same misdoing.

A review of the relevant lespite that Lord Widge-rourts Act 1980, there could be ry's words in Garfield were a statement of principle. statement of principle.

In this case the original wording of the information could hardly have been more confusing and did not disclose the misdoing of failing

to feed a dog which the amendment specified. If it alleged any misdoing it was that of abandoning a dog, which was a different misdoing from failing to feed it. The amendment ought not therefore to have been allowed; the appeal would be allowed Lord Justice Robert Goff agreed.

Solicitors: Boxall & Boxall for Bonser & Dawes, Oldbury; Mr 1. S. Manson, Birmingham.



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Dance Moving hostility

No Go Zone

The Place

Two different forms of collaboration between choreographer and painter can be seen in the programme at The Place until tonight. The first is the usual kind where the artist provides a setting for the dance; the second strikes deeper.

Darshan Bhuller began dancing at Harehills School. Leeds. where dance is an obligatory subject. Now with London Contemporary Dance Theatre, he recently created Hostilities for 13 past and present Harehills pupils, aged from 12 to 16, in Harehills Youth Dance Theatre. It begins this pro-

The movement makes no apparent compromises for the dancers' age, and among a thoroughly skilled cast two who look youngest stand out as much for their speed and neatness as does the oldest-looking for his soaring jumps.

To a soundtrack of news oulletins and speeches from September 1939 until 1984. hey perform dances of agression and conciliation, wear ng clothes with Russian or American insignia. Graham Dean's contribution to this work is a large three-part rainting. Striking Poses, which orms the backdrop and underines the theme.

For No Go Zone, however, which follows after a protracted nterval during which paintings and films by him are on view in he foyer. Dean provides not only a setting of astroturf urrounded by rumpled wire letting, but visual motifs - the horeography often echoes his aintings - and a film of the our dancers that forms an nterfude while they change rom neat white costumes into runks with phosphorescent paint on their bodies or faces.

Again the choreographic

theme seems to be hostilities and perhaps pacification; after the anger of some movement comes a finale in which three men withdraw into a box with black light" and the fourth sinks and vanishes in a pool of solden light

The pounding beat of Dave Heath's music emphasizes the work's resentful force, but slowmotion passages and close-ups in the filmed section draw attention to the dancers' control and calmness. Bhuller is Indian, the other three dancers are black. That is not coincidental, "White as the choice of makes ironically clear.



Anja Jaenicke (left) as the tomboy "Matthias" with friends in The Swing

Cinema

Loving re-creation of a lost world

The Swing (PG) Everyman (Dec 26) A Man Like Eva (18)

Screen on the Hill (Jan 3) Kings and Desperate Men

Classic Oxford Street (Dec 28)

At the London Film Festival Percy Adlon's The Swing was promoted as "the Fanny and Alexander of 1984", which gives a fair idea of its ambitions but somewhat overestimates its accomplishment. I would not, however, wish my own intermittent boredom while watching this 133-minute chronicle to discourage others. since a great many of those who see it are wholly vulnerable to its charm.

The film is very faithfully adapted from

Die Schaukel, an autobiographical novel by Annette Kolb, who was the subject of an early documentary by Adlon, based on interviews with the writer. The book was written by Kolb in 1934, when she was 64. and constituted random impressions of the Munich of her girlhood. She observed the dying aristocracy, the aspiring bourgeoisie and the flourishing art world of the city with an eye and wit sharpened by her own background in a family financially handicapped in the necessary struggle to keep up with the neighbours.

As presented in the film. Kolb's father, Herr Lautenschlag, has a distinguished but underpaid post as royal garden architect. His wife is a French lady who gives music lessons and has inherited somewhat precarious mental health from her own mother. Annette - who capriciously adopts boys' clothes and the name of Matthias – is the youngest of their four adventurous children. The disorganized and tempestuous home life of the Lautenschlags is in striking contrast to their neighbours, a snobbish family ruled with Prussian discipline by its head, Dr

Other characters weave in and out of their lives: a ruthless gigolo, a homosexual prince, a kindly Jewish new-rich baroness. the director of the Opera, a greedy secondhand dealer. The impressions follow one another haphazardly: Christmas celchrations, a garden-architecture show in the great glass palace just beside the Lautenschlag house, a cycle outing, a trip to the Zwingers' country home, a royal visit, a musical recital, mother's piano

Each is painstakingly and beautifully staged, so that the film presents a series of loving re-creations of a lost picture-post-card world, with Annette's bright and abrasive reactions to it. Adlon's handicap is his fidelity to his original. Relying on the chronicle form, and conscientiously declining to impose a more positive structure, he is left with a film whose impetus periodically fails altogether. It nevertheless inspires the reflection that, in dealing with the chronicle style, the format of the television series can acquire a distinct aesthetic role. Fanny and Alexander and Heimat could only properly have existed in this manner, The Swing would almost certainly have been more satisfactory conceived in series form.

The title role in Adlon's earlier Céleste, which dealt with the last days of Proust and his relations with his devoted housekeeper, was played by Eva Mattes. In Radu Gabrea's A Man Like Eva she has a much more bizarre role to play, no less than that of the late Rainer Werner Fassbinder, who directed her in five films between 1972 and 1976. Astonishingly, with the aid of a little fattening up, a scruffy heard and the characteristic Fassbinder get-up of tob-tight leather, slouch hat and large speciacles, she is a perfect miniaturized lookalike. The posture and movement are a faultless impersonation; only her over-communicative eyes and her voice break the

Fassbinder's whirlwind life and early death three years ago at 36 inevitably fascinate his contemporarie already been the subject of two documen-taries as well as innumerable articles and

books. Eva is a film à clé, although real events and people are very freely

interpreted.

The style is essentially pastiche of a Fassbinder film. Eva/Fassbinder is living and working, with his commune of collaborators, in a large house-cum-studio where they are filming La traviata. Gudrun (the leading actress) is in love with the leading actress) is in love with with Eva/Fassbinder who is in love with Walter (Werner Stocker) who is in love with Gudrun. Eva's adoring black lover, spurned and left out of this daisy-chain. commits suicide - the first of several victims of that urge to destruction of himself and others that goes with Eva's creative gifts. (In real life too Fassbinder's despairing lover killed himself, a year or so before the director's own death.)

As an interpretation of Fassbinder's complex character, with its combination of sensibility and grossness, sentimentality and cruelty, touching shyness and an incorrigible compulsion to show off, Gabrea's film is soft and superficial; but it is at least enjoyable viewing as exploitation melodrama, enlivened with good performances.

The young French-born, Canadian-raised, English-trained actor Alexis Kanner makes a polymath debut with his feature film kings and Desperate Men, on which he was producer, writer, director and a program producer, writer, director and a principal player. It is a sharp, stylish, attractive contemporary thriller about a well-intentioned terrorist who kidnaps a group of hostages and takes over a private radio station, in protest at what he believes to be a miscarriage of justice.

The central conflict takes place in the radio station, between the terrorist - an academic and amateur - and the char-show host, a drinker bit highly professional ham. The terrorist is played by Kanner, the radio man, armed with histrionics and a dictionary of quotations, is Patrick McGoohan, taking full advantage of the legitimate chance to go well over the top. The script only slackens when it gets into more conventional areas involving the hero's strained relations

Full of telling character

The Magic Flute Grand, Leeds

I must say one's heart begins to sink when a programme book for The Magic Flute is sprinkled with quotations from Kant. Martin Buber, St Paul, Mao Tse-tung and a study

charming and immediate than it reads: the gobbets, if they were ever of any use, have been wirtue of the single-colour digested, and the staging has costumes is that they look so acquired near visual delight well against the monochrome

from Russell Craig's beautifully inventive animals, sets and costumes, that the evening gains its consistency. Certainly it has its consistency. Lerianny it uses no unity of time and place. Tamino and Pamina are vaguely in period dress, he incream travelling clothes, she in a cobalt blue gown: presumably, we are to see them as the only have a forcest by their human figures, beset by their mythologies, in some dream or after-death experience, though no such interpretation is forced.

The three Ladies, in purple, look like hybrids between Valkyries and Cretan princess-es, while the Three Boys have

servants a squad of Russian cenerals in scarlet coats.

No doubt there is some colour symbolism going on here, with white for purity, red for carnality and Papageno's vellow to suggest cowardice Amerindian mythology.

Amerindian mythology.

But never mind Graham serious, grave-veiced clown as Vick's new production for presented by Alan Watt, though Opera North looks a lot more all the more pleasurable for being without his customary jokiness). However, the main and, as so often in Mr Vick's set. This is a veritable machine, work, a simple, honest line in and it has yet to be quite personal relationships.

It is from these, rather than from Russell Craig's beautifully acting areas: ballustraded cate walks, that can be slung across the sky, and a subterranean space beneath a roof that slants up towards the audience; with a hole through which characters can enter and exit by rope.

It is probably enough for any production of The Magic Flute that it can provide a suitable home for the opera's events and persons, but Mr Vick goes further. His version is filled with telling character points, so that even Monostatos is granted interest and dignity, and the monster, here, a minotaur on the heels of Tamino-Theseus, is

stepped out from a prep school.
Sarastro and his brothers are
Capuchios, Monostatos and his
great deal that Andrew Porter's eminently singable and literate translation is used, with some pointed adaptation presumably of the producer's owne the performance has the atmos-phere of a Shakespearian сомоск.

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It also helps that the pro-duction has been musically so skillfully prepared under the young German conductor Peter Hirsch, making his British debut and leading a clear-toned. generally quick and elegant orchestral performance. I have hever heard the counterpoint of the boys and ladies so confidentity counciated in the theatre. and the principals are all encouraged to give of their best.

Laurence Dale, singing with forward strength, is a very human, likable Tamino; Jane Leslie Mackenzie an utterty simple and touching Pamina. Geoffrey Moses as Sarastro sings and acts with calm authority, and Philip Mills is authority and Philip Mills is the sty Monostatos. excellent as this sly Monostatos.

But Mr Vick's most provoca-

tive twist is reserved for the end. Pamina rushes from Tamino; he breaks his magic flute and regains her. Together they come forward away from the temple towards an unknown

Paul Griffiths

Theatre

Inhumanity without escape

Saved

Royal Court

This production, by Danny Boyle, completes the Court's Bond anniversary season; and to see it immediately after The Pope's Wedding with some of the company moving to equivalent parts in the second play, is to view a talented writer changing into one who has been seized by a vision. The earlier play fits logically enough into the Bond pattern, but it presents an easily-shared view of England. In Sared we move into Bond's personal territory in which English life becomes an image of helk

I was scared by this piece when it first appeared in 1965. and it still scares me. Not so much the bady storing scene over which I and others made such a song and dance; but by the inescapable inhumanity of

its whole environment.

Equally horrific is the sight of alienated family sitting blank-faced round a television set and turning the volume up to drown the cries of an David Robinson | ful, unstoppable family rows

that break out over the smallest irritation; and the power of an old married couple to express loathing for each other within their shared pact of venomous

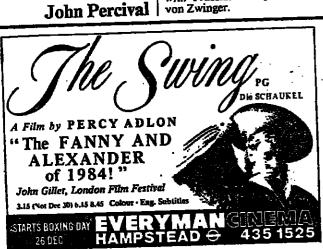
Something has been working against them since birth. They want things for which they have no name. Most of all, perhaps, they want revenge; and, as the real culprit is out of reach, they turn and rend each other, adding to the bitterness of the scene through their very lack of a vocabulary of hatred. Their insults are a dismal catalogue of cliches; just as, when they discuss sex, it is in strings of commercial jokes.

Bond has described Saved as an optimistic play. I cannot see that myself; but this production puts in a heavy bid for that. viewpoint in Poten Hugo Daly's performance of them, the cast-off lover who refuses to leave the

house. Mr Daly starts on a hang-dog note, the image of a sexual tailure who turns to doing little jobs around the house as a pathetic alternating but oace the action gets into its hornific stride, he emerges with increasing strength as a height action in coins to be around in who is going to be around no matter how often he is kicked:

Otherwise, the great strength of the show is its capacity to present a non-judgmental view of characters who lay themselves open to contemptions moralizing. From Leanne Whalley's Pam, changing from an unfeeling mother into a brufally discarded victim to the old married pair (June Walson and Tony Rohr, both performances of X-ray precision), you are left only with a sense of pity and anger for what has made them

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The Loved Ones (Forty Min-utes. BBC 2) provided yet another example of the emotional tyranny which anihospital where dogs, parrors and other of man's "best friends" are treated with more care and consideration than are often available to people in the National Health Service. As one veterinary surgeon; explained, "It can be very easy to get emotionally involved with the patients". Whether these pets appreciate that care is another matter but, since they are loved rather than loving ones, perhaps that is not important.

Human emotions are in any case the key in what can only be described as a psychoanalytic ession, one anxious owner was taken through the trauma of herdog's urinary habits. And there are some people who need group therapy to adjust to the deaths of their pets. This lavish attention is not always so successful on the "patients" themselves: in one morbid equence, a parrot died as it was being passed from hand to hand. Perhaps the financial cost of the treatment was preying on

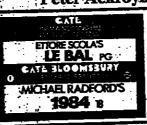
A documentary such as this is a testament to the apparent inexhaustibility of human affecmais can exert over human beings. The scene for this psychodrama was the Animal relations are not generally Medical Center in New York, a hospital where does. programme was also a record of that strange and often symbiotic relationship which can be established between humans and animals. Here, for example, was to be seen the tearful companionship between one man and his turtle it was not easy for either of them at the Center, especially when it was revealed that the turtle should be given dog food. The pain on the man's face confirmed that

this was a true friendship - and

proved also that, however adorable these little creatures

are, people are far more

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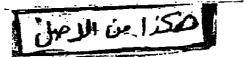
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people don't understand art, know the difference between the remotest idea about cannot distinguish between a by dealers' rings. £5 or a £5,000 drawing.

education because no work temptation to smuggle anof art has a cleary-defined cient Chinese pottery and value. The price paid is bronzes, recovered from dictated by who is selling to newly-discovered whom. A furniture expert sites, offers monetary returns cannot value pictures, a to cash-starved peasants silver expert cannot value which it would be humanly furniture, and neither knows impossible to resist. the value of pottery or glass.

money thus resting on highly-specialized expertise, the opportunities for misrep- houses.

"If they read my name in your newspaper in Macao they will kill me", said the Chinese connoisseur pointing two fingers graphically at his temples. Art smuggling out of China is an explosive issue about which little is yet known. Connoisseurs east and west only talk about it reluctantly and demand a guarantee that they will remain

It had been going on for about four years with most material coming out via Macao to Hong kong. Extraordinary stories are told of the man who pioneered the new "China trade", a Macao resident who gave lodging to homeless refugees from China who gave him things. He began dealing in Chinese coins but moved on into ancient pottery and began to organize his residents into regular suppliers.

At one time queues would form outside his door when a shipment was expected. He could be relatively open in his business since he had bought protection from the Macao police. The last year, however, has seen an upsurge of police harassment in Macao and he has moved to Hong Kong and retired from business. He has a 30-foot yacht and a summer house in Bangkok. He is said to have made over £10 million in four years, having started with a capital of only £1,000.

This unnamed pioneer of the trade was quickly followed by others and there are now said to be 40 or 50 dealers involved.

• Gangsters have come into the trade organizing to Hong Kong by air and speedboat 9

The standard price for smuggling a suitcase of antiquities out of China is around £1,000 but the Communists are becoming tougher. They are said to have caught 50 people in Canton three months ago. "The ones who were shot all stole from museums", I was assured. "In China museums do not have security guards. It is easy."

A smattering of big-time gangsters are said to have recently come into the trade capable of organizing shipments to Hong Kong by air or speedboat. To justify the cost, these smugglers have to be much more selective than they used to be, concentrating only

The art market is plagued by resentation and misinfordishonest practices. The mation are large and temptreason is simple. Most ing. In Britain a long-standing battle by upright and honourable antique dealers good, better and best or have to establish an honest market still fails to outlaw the prices. The man in the street manipulation of art auctions

Meanwhile, as revealed in It is not a matter of today's news pages, the

Geraldine Norman ex-With enormous sums of plains how this China trade began and is now flooding into our major auction

> The following are major said to have come out of years. Sotheby's and Christie's will not comment on their place of origin: Sotheby's, New York, June 15, 1983: Lot 157, glazed pottery goose-form tureen, Tang, \$275,000 Lot 164, glazed pottery mermaid-form ewer, Tang, \$115,500 Sotheby's, London, December 13, 1983: Lot 10, three-handed archaic bronze vessel, c. 1,000 BC, Christie's, London, December 14, 1983: Lot 94, archaic bronze

on items of high quality and

stones, Warring States, unsold at £30,000

cauldron, Shang, £51,840

Lot 17, chime of nine archaic bronze bells and ten musical

Sotheby's, London, December 11, 1984:

Sotheby's and Christie's finely illustrated catalogues are as the basic reference books for selecting what ought to be valuable, but traders with untrained eyes often get it wrong and fakes are beginning to be made to deceive them. Replicas of ancient pottery and bronzes are already for sale in Government tourist shops up and down China. These are made to look old by corroding the surface with acid and rubbing in some and for sale to the smugglers.

Western dealers have noticed that different types of objects have become suddenly available in quantity in London or New York auctions at different times, reflecting the development of new sources of supply. The first wave was of late Ming blue and white wares. Then came Tang pottery, followed by Han and Song and, most recently, bronzes including rare giltbronzes of the Tang dynasty over the last month. The explanation is that they

come from different burial sites. The Chinese have been burying their dead for several thousand years and up to around 1600 a supply of pottery accourrements for the afterlife was buried with them. The great tombs of the Tang dynasty, with their pottery horses, camels, musicians and women are among the major tourist attractions of China

In the push to modernise China new construction projects are constantly uncarthing for-gotten tombs. These are sup-posed to be reported to the period was left unsold at gotten tombs. These are sup-posed to be reported to the authorities and their contents removed to a local warehouse. There were fears that the Thefts from such warehouses, Chinese government might possibly assisted or condoned by make trouble over it.





Above: An unusually large and rare gilt bronze figure of Guanyin from the Tang Dynasty, sold by Sotheby's in New York for \$47,300. The auctioneers point out the intricate carving

local bureaucrats, are said to be

the major source for smuggled

four years ago most of the material coming out of China

was sold to dealers in Hong

Kong. Japanese dealers were

soon alerted for there are many

Japan. One or two of these took

premises in Macao to get first

sight of what was coming out.

Others took to buying in Hong Kong and had only to book into

a hotel for material to be

brought to them. "Ninety-nine

per cent of what one's shown is

The smugglers then started to

get hold of Sotheby's and

Christie's cutalogues and to

realise that huge prices could be paid. They started to ask such

the Hong Kong dealers turned

them away, whereupon the

smugglers began to route them

directly to Sotheby's and Chris-

tie's offices in Hong Kong. Both

auctioneers say they bave no

way of knowing where the goods

actually come from. "Most of it changes hands many times

before it reaches us", was one

The acceptance of smuggled

goods for sale in the west is

perfectly legal and so far there

have been no formal represen-

tations about the matter from

the Chinese governments. This

situation could change and

traceable items could perhaps

be demanded back. A rare

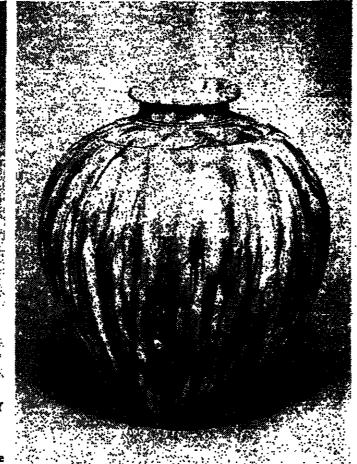
chime of nine archaic bronze

Sotheby's last week at £30,000.

iunk", one of them said.

collectors of Chinese art in

When the business began



Above: A gilt bronze

reliquary and cover from the Early Tang Dynasty, which sold for £73,440 at Christie's

Left: Also from the Tang Dynasty, a large Sancaiglazed pottery jar which made \$484,000 at Sotheby's in New York last year

How the ring works and why it survives



the President of the British Antique Dealers' Association, a Belgravia silver called

wrote a round robin to all of his taking office I have had to make certain enquiries about the extent to which an auction ring and subsequent "knockout operates in this country", he wrote. "I have been absolutely have heard and it would appear that in some instances I may have to take some very definite

and positive action. Inglis reminded his members that rings were against the law as well as the Association's rules and ended up with the instruc-tion that "any member who feels he is unable to conduct his business without the benefit of these activities should resign". No one resigned. But an

informed guesstimate provided by a member recently puts the proportion of BADA's members who treat rings as a normal part of their business at around 40

per cent. When Inglis got no response to his round robin, he took the initiative and had "a quiet chat", as he put it, with three dealers. One of them is nolonger a member of the association. Nothing will draw Inglis on whether the dealer resigned or was pushed. When

asked, a look of acute distress comes over his face. "It's a very delicate business, you know he points out. It is not unknown for a dealer to counter the suggestion that he should leave BADA with a threat to sue for defamation of character. The Association has a lively terror of

It has been the "goodies" who have resigned so far. The President's letter followed the resignation of Richard Chester-Master, a respected Cirencester lumiture dealer, in protest at members in the auction rings operating in his area.

Last week John Partridge followed him out of BADA. He is the grandest of the bunch, running the family firm of Partridge Fine Art in Bond Street. It has one gallery which he calls "our million dollar room" and it's not worth any client looking in there unless he's prepared to spend that kind

It was Partridge's complaint over the sale of a walnut bookcase at a country auction last June that sparked a BADA enquiry which was reported in The Times two weeks ago. A number of dealers who attended the sale were cleared of any involvement in an aution ring.

The Times article has

brought the long-rumbling argument about the pros and cons of auction rings out into the open

to shout about it. They rarely even realize they have been cheated. But the trade is fiercely a law against rings, whether and how the present law needs amendment and whether there's anything much to censure if it's

A ring is an agreement between dealers not to bid against each other at an auction so that they can buy cheaply. They then hold a secondary auction or "knockout" and divide the proceeds betyeen themselves. In standard ring. terminology this is known as a "settlement". Dealers will tell you "I don't settle" or "I don't see anything much against

settlement". The dealers will usually be specialists in furniture, pictures, silver, carbols and so on, and have a better knowledge of prices in their field than the auctioneer. It is not unbeknown for the auctioneer to be a party to the ring himself.

To be effective the ring must include all the strongest bidders at a sale. When colleagues refuse to settle the ring is often prepared to bid prices up against them to quite uneconomic levels. They are occasionally landed with an unsalcably expensive piece but it is a small price to pay for freezing out the opposition. Dealers who consistently oppose the ring have been known to find their goods sabotaged by the time they come to pick them up or to find their car tyres slashed after leaving a sale.

There are specialist rings and rings that operate in different parts of the country. The Midlands and the border again and stirred passions. Not country are said to be particuthat the victims are standing up larly strongly organized. In

Ireland, where there no legis-lation outlawing such practices, it is almost impossible for a dealer to buy at an auction without coming to an under-standing with the local ring.

The smart London dealers who settle generally maintain contacts with the organizers of local rings and come in with the local ring when there is a country sale worth travelling to.

At major London sales there are generally so many foreign dealers and private collectors that a ring is almost impossible to operate except, perhaps, on a few special lots. But they operate regularly at lesser auctions in London and the country and in certain specialized areas. Carpets and jewel rings are notorious.

The effect of a ring is to defraud the vendor who has sent goods to the auction to be sold at their full value. The art and antiques market, however, is not a place where goods have very clearly defined values so it is debatable how seriously the impact of rings should be taken

That they are illegal is not debatable. They were outlawed by the Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Act of 1927 as follows: "If a dealer agrees to give, or gives, or offers any gift or consideration to any other person as an inducement or reward for abstaining, or from having abstained, from bidding at a sale by auction . . . he shall be guilty of an offence under this Act . . "A special provision was made to exclude from the net joint account bidding crossing the road after the sale (dealers clubbing together to buy in partnership) provided a the bar. Since vendors who had copy of the agreement was lodged with the auctioneer

There was no successful conviction under the act until 1981 and there have been only two little ones since. But there have been three significant rows in the postwar years.

before the sale. This has caused

special confusion, as we shall

The first was sparked by a Sunday Times coup in 1964 After the sale of the effects of Captain E G Spencer-Churchill at Northwick Park, Gloucestershire, a furniture knockout was held at the Swann Inn in Moreton-in-the-Marsh. The Sunday Times had a friend there with a microphone up his sleave connected to a pocket transmitter. The row rumbled and escalated for several weeks ending with the resignation of the president of BADA and 13 council members who had all had some involvement.

An interim government took over until the next council election a year later at which most of the dealers who had two "goodies" then resigned but not considered crooks or even mostly it was business as usual.

The next row was in 1969 over a Duccio "Madonna bought in the country by the picture ring at £2,700 and resold to the National Gallery at £140,000. For a variety of to see that their vendors are not technical reasons no conviction could be brought but Parliament took a hand to see that the impediments should be removed for the future and an get together. If one method of ammended Auctions (Bidding manipulating auction prices to Agreements) Act 1969 was

In 1981 three leading international dealers, Agnew's of Bond Street. Thaw of New York and Artemis of Luxembourg (and London) were prosecuted for buying an Algardi bust at a country auction in a partnership that had not been disclosed to the auctioneer. They paid £165,000 and resold the bust to

the Metropolitan Museum for £265,000. This was a test case of whether the law could distinguish between the respectable - as in this case - practice of buying in partnership, and in a A Bow Street magistrate

found the three dealers not guilty and there was no appeal to a higher court. Since when the trade has been in a complete muddle over whether joint bidding agreements must be sale, as the 1927 Act appears to suggest, but as the Algardi case had seemed to refute.

In contrast it was small fry that were caught when the first successful prosecution was brought in 1981. Captain Peter Francis, who runs a family auctioneering firm in Carmarthen, became so incensed at the monthly sales that he called in the police.

The saleroom is

directly across the road from the Ivy Bush Hotel, the smartest in town. The dealers were in crossing the road after the sale whatnots sold also dropped in for a drink after the sale. Captain Francis was getting a lot of complaints. The police bugged the bar, dressed up a cop as a waiter and caught the dealers at it. They were taken to court, fined £500 each plus £1.000 costs and forbidden to

attend auctions for six months. The policeman who had masterminded at was Chief Inspector Donald Evans. Two years later he scopped at a crossroads on his way home to allow a line of cars to go by. Some of the cars had furniture strapped to the roof and he recognized one one two faces. He followed the convoy to a beach, where a knockout took place, and managed to sur-amon Enough colleagues to the spot to arrest the leaders before it had finished: The fines were again £560 each, with £300 costs.

An scrive dealer can make £1,000 a week or more out of the ring.

The Auctions (Bidding Agreements) Acts are not taken particularly dishonourable by their confreres, though there are some resolutely upright dealers who won't do it.

Some dealers argue that it should be left up to auctioneers cheated and that the law should be changed in this direction. Most shrug and point out that you can't expect friends not to their advantage is ruled out, they'll just find another.

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"I'd rather be living in Argentina "Than marching around for Sergeant Tina!"

window of the room in down- stocking. town Port Stanley where Captain Bolsover and Georgia were working on the final details of the Christmas catering.

"Who's Sergeant Dick?" said Georgia.
"What? Oh. that's Sergeant Duckworth.' "And why do they call him

that?" glass of sparkling Argentine white wine, smiled back, though "Hard to say, really. Perhaps because the sergeant likes dressing up in frocks on his night off. "We're in trouble, Georgie girl", said Bolsover briskly. "The Hercules bringing in our entire shipment of Christmas

puddings has come down in the

Atlantic. Nobody's hurt, but they've reported a Christmas

pudding slick two miles long, looking just like a minefield.

Port Stanley was all decked for Christmas. They had strung one streamer across the main street. Georgia had gone win-

You're on!" said Dick. "By

dow shopping and was wonder-ing whether Dick Bolsover The soldiers' song in the would like a hand grenade or street outside floated up to the some barbed wire cutters in his Chapter Six

"Hark, the herald angels sing "White Christmas, as arranged by Bing . . ." the soldiers sang. Dick Bolsover smiled at Georgia. "Having a good time, Georgia? Forgotten about Terry now?" Georgia, emboldened by a

she couldn't help wondering how far dear Terry had got on his round-the-world trip. "Come outside, Georgia", said Dick thickly. "There's something I have to ask you." Outside, the rain was falling harder than ever. Georgia suddenly realized, horrified, that Dick had put his arms

"I love you," said Dick hoarsely. "I want to make my

own conquest of Georgia!"

She shrank away, aghast. How could she have felt warm towards this man? Would no one rescue her? Suddenly, out of nowhere, came a form a yellow oilies and green boots. It was, unbelievably. Terry. He dispatched Di Bolsover with one hook to the jaw and took Georgia in his arms.

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voyage round the world and) fancy I have come just in time. stopped for supplies and I found - you! Would you care to fill my extra berth?" "I certainly would," said Georgia. "And while I'm at it, I'd like to rearrange the furniture on your boat and get it painted a nicer colour."

If Terry had taken the hint, he would have gone on without her, but he didn't and that's

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FRIDAY PAGE

Godparents are still a blessing

As Prince Henry is baptized today, Barbara Toner

finds out whether this popular tradition is

still relevant or just a source of birthday treats

christened in St George's Chapel, Windsor, today. He will have six godparents - Prince Andrew, his uncle; Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, his father's first cousin; Bryan Organ, a portrait painter, Lady Vestey, a family friend; Gerald Ward, a family friend; and Mrs William Bartholomew, the former Carolyn Pride, one of his mother's closest chums.

They will gather round the font with his parents and they will be told it is their duty to bring up the child to fight against evil and to follow Christ. They will be asked to say, on behalf of themselves and the Prince, whether they turn to Christ, repent of their sins and renounce evil. It would be an awful turn-up for the books if any of them said they wouldn't.

They won't disappoint, of course. Even atheist godparents cross their fingers behind then backs and utter the required responses. They do it for love of the parents and the child and because it is an honour to be

Having promised to take a prominent part in the moral and spiritual welfare of the baby, however, many god-parents promptly turn their backs and walk out of its life for

This doesn't seem to have anything to do with their faith.

Prince Henry of Wales will be certainly no real responsibility. No one seriously expects godparents to cart other people's children off to church should the parents neglect to do so or to instruct them in the doctrine that led them to the christening in the first place.

But what should they do? What should royal godparents do? A Buckingham Palace spokesman remarked rather sniffily that the duties of royal godparents are no different from the duties of other godparents, which is the opposite of enlightening.

Prince Charles had eight, all of whom were royal or very closely connected and several of whom died almost immedi-

They should provide help through prayers, example and teaching'

ately. The youngest godparent was Princess Margaret but two of them were great-grand-

There is no record of any of them "doing" anything of great significance in his life, except Queen Mary, who wrote in her diary. "I have given the baby a silver-gilt cup and cover which George III gave to a godson in or lack of it, but rather to a 1780, so I gave a present from feeling that there is no signifimy great-grandfather to my great-grandson 168 years later."

There aren't many godparents Who could write that

Godparents' original function was to vouch for the good character and sincerity of the person being received into the Church in the days when the Church was a secret society.

The function now ranges from the merely decorative, via the wonderfully sympathetic, to the economically sound. Very rich or foreign godparents are a useful channel for laundering money which will pay school

The views of the churches seem only loosely connected to the views of their flocks. While all concerned agree that god-parents should be decent people ho will show an interest in the child, the flocks are inclined to favour a temporal interest over a spiritual one.

The Church of England asks that godparents, along with parents, provide children with help and encouragement through their prayers, their example and their teaching.

According to the Rev Richard Charters, vicar of St Stephen's, Rochester Row, who was among those attending at Prince William's christening. there is an ideal godparent: "It should be an adult who is detached but accessible, not someone the child identifies too closely with his parents, but someone who has remained in contact and who will be there when parents are the last people a child can turn to.





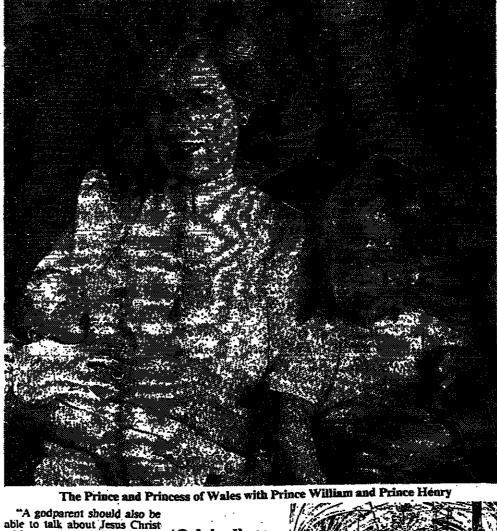


Bryan Organ





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without embarrassment because 'Originally that will be necessary when the Sunday school platitudes stop working. Of course, I know many people choose Aunt Polly because she would be terribly hurt if they didn't." Practising members of the Church of England may well go sincerity of

along with the ideal but when it comes to making a choice they will take into account a wide range of non-religious details, as well as Aunt Polly's claim.

Shaunagh and Thomas Henege have two small children who between them have nine godparents. This is to allow for he huge fall-out factor.

The Heneges have a clear idea of their responsibilities! "The first is to remember Christmas and birthdays and the second is to be around when the godchild is a teenager so that they can have a shoulder to cry on".

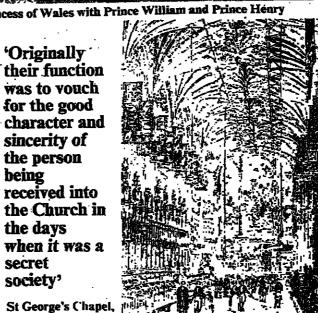
This is in fine with the Church's view and indeed the Henege children are being brought up as the Church would have it. They say their prayers nightly and they attend church

Shaunagh Henege does not, however, approve of relatives being godparents. "They are going to give presents anyway", she points out. "I think that each child should have two older and two younger because and I think at least one should

"It's fortuitous if the people will be instructed "to make it you have a right to approach for their constant care to bring the favours when it comes to jobs child up in the practice of the or whatever.

"It is also lucky if they happen to be rich but I can't see any point in asking one of those middle-aged friends who has 35 others because yours will get

Parents will perhaps inevi-



though they go to Mass on Holy tably be more pragmatic than Days. They have, in spite of this, had their three daughters their churches. The Catholic Church is reluctant to baptize baptized, the younger two the children of parents not recently in a joint ceremony. practising their faith and it likes Annie finds it difficult to give their reasons for doing so:

godparents to be practising Catholics or at least baptized Tradition, I suppose. They will make up their own minds This is to avoid the baptism as an inoculation and the notion of "having children done", which makes Father Every one of their daughters has two godparents. Of the six, most are Catholics, but one is a Anthony Churchill, of the Catholic Information Office, pagan. "We wanted him to do a

covenant for a middle daugh-Both parents and godparents delighted to accept. Of course, support from the Church.

we give him the money. But he
Whether it's a formal will be called on to renew the yows of their baptism and they is extremely rich which is very nice for Honor", says Annie. "Our eldest daughter did terribly badly and doesn't ever

hear from hers. She never ceases Father Churchill explains: to point out our bad judge-"We now stress the role of the parents. What we actually want

Annie doesn't think godis for godparents to act in a parents have much of a role in supportive role to the parents." her children's life apart from Annie and Tom Chance do showing a little interest: "Ithink not exactly practise their faith

that is as much as you can expect. It's rude to expect someone to be interested in their spiritual welfare."

The Methodists have spon-

sors as an option and they also

Parents and godparents are asked jointly: "Are you willing

to give it to them by your prayers, by your example, and

prayers, by your examp by your teaching?"

stress the secondary nature of their role. It is simply supportive. But the Rev Trevor Rowe, general secretary of the Division of Ministries, concedes that in practice, the amount of support provided varies greatly.

He says: Ideally, there should be a lot but sponsors can never take the place of actual

parents." He gives pre-baptismal counselling to parents and he asks them whether they are having sponsors because they are decorative or because they genuinely want their support.
"Without wishing to sound too critical", he ventures, "I

think it can be just a formality in the Church of England and that is something we don't want to inherit.'

Caroline Blacker, daughter of Lord Soper, so a member of one of Britain's leading Nonconformist families, chose not to have sponsors because she and her husband Terence saw no point in them: "They don't do the bringing-up."

The Blackers are not them-

selves practising Methodists but they wanted their children to be christened so that when they come to make their own choice they will be doing so from inside rather than outside a faith. This personal view would ter's education and he was not receive much staunch

not, there is no denying that certain people make popular candidates.

These are not, as a rule, the most apparently worthy, but generally in their middle years, hildless and materially success-

The pagan godfather of the Chances' middle daughter likes to make his godchildren's

baptism are addressed along with parents: "On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his heart. "If your faith makes you

1969 godparents at a Catholic

1" 3" VOWS ANCIENT AND MODERN

Church of England sets the traditional duties of

odfathers and godmothers in

It has several versions but

at a private baptism of infants

what a solemn yow, promise and profession he hath made

"And that he may know

these things the better, you

shall call upon him to bear

sermons; and chiefly you shall provide, that he may learn the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and

the Ten Commandments, and

all other things which a

it is as follows:

"Foresmuch as this child has promised by you his sureties to renounce the Devil and all his works, to believe in God, and to serve him; you ready to accept this responsimost remember, that it is your bility, renew now the rows of must remember, that it is your parts and duties to see that this infant be taught, so soon as he shall be able to learn, your own haptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ

"This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be

hantized." The Methodist Handbook on Infant Baptism states: "It is the privilege and responsibility of the sponsors to support the parents in the Christian upbringing of the children; to help them carry out the promises and so to act as a link between the family and the larger family of the Church; and regularly to pray

Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health; and that this child may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life..." The increasingly popular, modern version asks only that the child be kelped and

child?"

Their involvement in the ceremony is brief. They are asked: "Will you who have come to support these parents, help them in the Christian upbringing of this

They are expected to reply:
"With God's help we will."

dreams come true. He writes their names in a gold diary and lays down a bottle of expensive wine for every one of them on her birthday. He once hired an old French bus to take all 15 of them to the theatre, serving

cocktails on the way.

Gill Stribling-Wright, a television producer in her late thirties, has seven godchildren and sees her role as "sort of keeping an eye on them". She is a churchgoer but doesn't necessarily see much of a religious

nature to the job.

She says: "The younger

'It is unlikely Prince Henry will ask any of them for a job'

children see me as a sort of fairy godmother who arrives with money and presents, which is nice, but I think later on I could be used as a sounding board for them or even a help to them, getting jobs and that sort of

It is most unlikely that Prince Henry will go to any of his godparents for a job, though he may well go to them for advice and sympathy, especially to his uncle, with whom he will have the common bond of being a monarch's second son.

According to one avid royalty-watcher, his line-up of godparents is rather like any other, featuring as it does family even the tiniest suggestion of flexibility as two have been involved in divorces.

But it is not to be imagined that any of them will forget Christmas and birthdays, because there is a single significant detail which distinguishes royal godparents from any others: the honour of being asked is simply too great to forget.

MEDICAL BRIEFING



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good time that everybody else is having creates considerable

Twenty years ago an American psychologist, Dr Richard Rahe, quantified this stress and discovered that the average family Christmas rated somewhere between taking out a mortgage and having a minor

run-in with the police. Dr Rahe's research shows that if a family Christmas is to be happy it needs planning. with particular thought being given to young children and elderly people who react badly

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changes in their eating and drinking habits. As a general rule visits should not be too long; better to have a successful short stay than risk a

> about the number of people who can stay in any one house, camping in the dining room may be fun at bedtime on Christmas Eve, but lack of sound sleep is not a perfect recipe for a happy Christmas. Alcohol as a remedy for

prolonged family quarrel.

It is also better to be realistic

family tension needs care: the host has to strike a delicate balance between breaking the ice and risking trouble when 20 assorted relatives, all suffering from hangovers, are exposed to each other's foibles.

Alcohol exaggerates characteristics; the benign become more relaxed with a couple of whiskies, but the same dose may cause aggression or weeping in the tense or unhappy. Drinks before. Christmas

lunch are a particular problem. If, as so often happens, the turkey has not cooked as fast as expected, something to nibble with the gin and tonic will prevent hypoglycaemia - the big cut in blood sugar caused by alcohol. This can make some of the guests overemphatic and

dogmatic. Christmas lunch itself needs care. Most intensively reared turkeys are infected with salmonella and camphylobacteria (or both). upsets will be Tummy

avoided if the bird and all other uncooked meat is stored away from cooked foods. Knives and other kitchen utensils used for preparing

uncooked meat must not be used again without careful washing. Table surfaces in the kitchen must be scrubbed before prepared food is placed on them. Stuffing should be cooked separately, not inside the bird when its cooling effect prevents the thick breast meat from cooking properly. Neck stuffing is probably safe.



ing John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, David Gower and 30

per cent of leading American

Norman Geschwind, of Har-

vard, and Dr Peter Behan, a

neurologist at Glasgow University, who first linked left-han-

dedness with other conditions.

Now, they have set up the Rodin

Left-handed people are more likely to be athletic, artistic (Rodin the sculpture was left-

handed) and mathematical, but

Dr Behan has drawn atten-

tion to the close association

between left-handedness (or

having a left-handed mother)

with epilepsy, congenital heart disease, severe migraine, al-

there are severe disadvantages.

Institute to study these links.

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Windsor, right

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John McEnroe

eft is best, hands down times more common in left-handed people), childhood stut-tering, the hyperkinetic syn-drome and autism - 40 per cent of autistic children have left-

handed mothers. These statistics, together with the anatomical differences noted in the brain of dyslexic patients, would seem to confirm that at least some if not most of the children who have been diagnosed as having dyslexia, autism and hyperkinetic syndrome are suffering from a neurological disease and not psychological damage.

Dr Behan has shown that these diseases, which predominantly affect the male, are related to testosterone levels in intra-uterine life, possibly through this hormone's effect on the thymus gland.

Deadly drinks History teaches how two former American presi-

dents, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, failed to survive he delebrations of the 50th Independence Day, and many a dignitary has collapsed at his retirement

It has always been assumed that the effect of excitement on the coronary arteries was to blame, but two Americans, Dr Greenspan and Dr. \$ A Greenspan and Dr. S. F. Schaal, have suggested in Annals of Internal Medicine that alcohol may contribute in some cases by causing an irregular heart rhythm.

Most, but not all, doctors teach that alcohol in small quantities is beneficial. It is a mild tranquilliser, and a quick nip of whisky or brandy may relieve angina. But care should be taken by

patients who have cardiac arrhythmias, an irregular action of the heart, particularly if they have previously noticed an association between taking alcohol and palpitations.

A trial staged by the Americans demonstrates the detrimental effect of alcohol in these patients. After 3ozs of 80 per cent proof whisky, a third of them developed a potentially scrious ventricular tachycardia - an increase in heart beat.

A fresh hearing for grommets

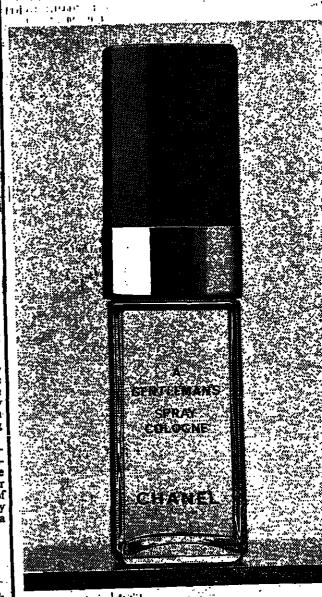


Grommets ~ small tubes through the eardrums used to treat glue ear - have only been restored to fashionable medicine in the past 20 years, but are now firmly established. This week's British Medical Journal has a compre-

hensive review, for both doctors and laymen, by Mr David East, of Scarborough. Glue car, secretory otitis media, occurs when middle car fluid fails to drain down the

Eustachian tube - connecting the ear to the back of the throat - and collects behind the eardrum, causing deafness, recurrent ear infection, carache and discharge Grommets take over the Eustachian tube's drainage function, staying in place for six to 18 months before being pushe out. A second or third may be needed if good drainage has not been restored, and occasionally it is necessary to have a permanent system

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



Un coup de cologne

FOR GENTLEMEN

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THE TIMES **DIARY**

Views on Hughes Was Gavin Ewart disappointed not

to be named Poet Laureate? He gave me an eloquent reply, entitling it On Hearing First News about Ted Hughes (Laureate):

SO IT'S TED! SOIT'S ILU: And all us other contenders can go to bed

-After our long vigil -Larkin, Fuller, Enright, Ewart, And sleep. It's Ted who's top of the heap!

Now at last we can rest, We weren't the most suitable, Though we might be the best! But did Ted acquiesce For £97.10?

It's hard to imagine for hard Yorkshiremen. They don't give owt for nowt. ere there secret inducements More potent than gold? Presence at the birth of royal corgis?) I think we should he told! I await Hughes' response - in verse.

khaki-coloured dust has settled upon

the city, and in pavement stalls cotton quilts are being sewn for the

scason's sales; in the parks gardeners

are lovingly tending crysanthemums for the annual flower show. In the market places everywhere shops are

being repaired and fresh coats of paint applied. A closer look will reveal that these shops have been recently burnt. The owners are almost invariably Sikh. They look

both subdued and stoical. None is

willing to say much. "It was fully

insured", snaps the smart lady butcher in a fashionable South Delhi

market. The priest of a destroyed temple says philosophically: "Who can explain what happened? Every

man has within him greed, envy,

lust and hate. When these erupt,

Sikhs are not new to communal

violence – they inflicted it upon Muslims in 1947 and Muslims inflicted it on them throughout their history. Communal hatred and

violence blow through the country

as regularly as dust storms; it is almost always the Muslims or the

Harijans (lower castes) who are the

victims. We are accustomed - even hardened - to seeing newspaper photographs of dazed survivors

sitting by their destroyed homes, or the corpses of victims. What has

shaken every Indian in this latest

storm is the sight of the proud and

prosperous Sikhs, creator of the green revolution in Punjab, known

as some of the best soldiers in the

Indian army, successful in every

field from politics to carpentry, reduced to the state of beggars, waiting to be fed and clothed in

A iewelled, silk-clad Sikh woman

driving out to one of these camps

with sacks of wheat and bundles of

old clothes said: "We Sikhs are not

used to this. Sikhs never beg. Now

my son comes home from school and tells me other children say to

him Sikh women will come to our

homes and scrub our cooking pots for us'. But Sikh women have never

gone out to work. These children are

echoing what they have heard their

parents say. This is how people are

This humiliation is what subdues

the Sikhs at the moment as well as the fear born of their new awareness

that they are in a minority outside

the Punjab. There have been wild

rumours that the Sikhs plan to kill

33 Hindus for every murdered Sikh.

Temple in Amritsar has said: "I

don't know about revenge but the

Sikh religion does say that op-pressors of Sikhs should be given a

befitting reply and punished for

On Boxing Day a couple of dozen kids from Tingley, Yorkshire, with a

triad of Hernds supplied by the

National Theatre, will perform on BBC2 The Big H, Tony Harrison's lirst play for television. It is the story of Herod's horrid kiddicide,

with a contrapuntal theme of the perpetual repression by the ruling

classes of working-class self-ex-

pression. The Herods start out as

school teachers despotically im-posing "H" sounds on their

So even in jogging Yuletide rhyme, Tony Harrison does not abandon any of his poet's preoccupations with "the spectre of imposition, the spectre of tyranny", or with learning and language. The Big H. incidentally, ends happily. Although armed with A-bombs and airguns. Herod's schoolbox guards.

airguns, Herod's schoolboy guards do not succeed in "jellibabifying"

Jesus, and victory goes to the plebs who march off shedding aitches from 'alifax to 'ull; 'ong Kong to

Britain's only full-time professional poet; he has not written prose, not even book reviews, since he gave up

teaching 15 years ago. "I realized." he said, "that the whole risk, the

whole enterprise of my life had to be invested in poetry." He must now be somewhere near the zenith of his

career: Penguin have just published his acclaimed Selected Poems; the

National Theatre will revive his Passion Plays, with the addition of a

Doomsday, on January 19, and he is

working on a full-scale opera for the

He is a considerable linguist: with

Latin and Greek, he can translate

from French, German and Czech,

and while teaching in Nigeria in the

1960s he learned to speak a couple

of dialects. His poetry has a unique

blend of the classical and ver-

The driving obsession of this scholarship boy from Leeds is with

articulation in its personal and its

class context. His father was both

inarticulate and reticent, not neces-

sarily a characteristic of the working

class. One of his uncles had a

stammer, the other was actually

dumb. No poet could have prepared his ground more thoroughly. When

he won a scholarship to a school "on the posh side of Leeds" and became

proficient in Latin and Greek the

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such things happen".

Old boycott

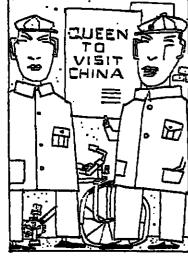
The boys of Eton College have finally got their own back on turncoat old boy George Orwell. They kept away in their droves when the National Theatre's touring production of Peter Bogdanov's anthology Ornell's England arrived at the school themse this month at the school theatre this month. Headmaster Eric Anderson, embar-rassed by the 200 empty seats at the show, attended by Guardian critic Michael Billington and academic Richard Hoggart, began asking what better thing his charges had found to occupy them that Saturday night. Writing in the school magazine, master William Rees is convinced that many were "watching, and deserving, Dynasty on television".

6 After more than 300 sessions of the public enquiry, staff at the Nuclear Information Centre at Sizewell are sending out Christmas cards reading: "Psst! Let you into a little secret! We don't think it's about nuclear power at all. We think they're out to beat The Mousetrap."

Raising the roof

The Irish are not holding out much hope for poor Pia Zadora, who is soon to star in Ireland in Lonely Lady. The Irish Times records that during a performance of The Diary of Anne Frank, in which she played the title role, the audience found it of such "sublime awfulness" that when the Germans were searching Anne's family home, someone burst out, "She's in the attic."

BARRY FANTONI .



Then who was that we just waved goodbye to?

Non-partisan

Not to be outdone by CND, Lady Olga Maitland rings to assure me that her Women and Families for Defence group is also the subject of sinister surveillance. The circumstantial evidence is overwhelming: phones constantly on the blink, drinks party invitations gone astray, first-class letters delivered late, parcels found lurking in the corners of sorting offices and packages arriving unwrapped. How times have changed. In the old days one merely blamed the Post Office.

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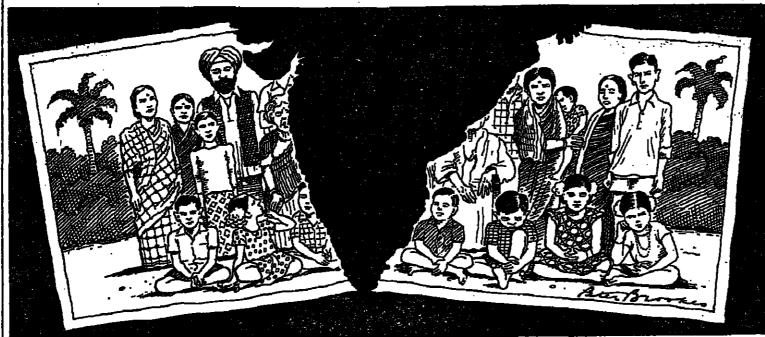
The Office of Fair Trading, which with the Post Office has set up the code of practice for dealing with complaints about the post, received a letter this week with no stamp. It duly paid 23p for postage due. Inside: a Christmas card wishing the OFT's code of practice men best wishes, from the Royal Mail Marketing Department.

Fluctuasian

Labour's membership may be dwindling nationally, but not in Ealing Southall. In the past threemonths membership there has soared from 700 to more than 2,000 as whole households - nay, whole streets - have been enlisted in three predominantly Asian wards. Labour has not suddenly discovered some vote-winning formula: the rise has to do with the reselection bid of sitting MP Syd Bidwell. For every 50 members a ward can send one more delegate to the all-important General Management Committee, and it seems that several Asian councillors have set their sights on Westminster. Bidwell is confident of staving off the challenge. "I have supporters in every mosque and temple," he confides.

PHS alienation was intensified. "I felt

Three days before the Indian election, novelist Anita Desai sees the Sikh-Hindu rift become every day more permanent



An unassuaged anguish, a festering anger

their crime." Yet Punish remained silent, in the grip of censorship and the army, but also because of the shock at the fury of the mob violence and the extent of the Sikh loss and degradation. The Hindu population too remained quiet, knowing nothing good can come of such humiliation and that the tables could turn.

This fear on the part of the Hindus in Punjab and the Sikhs outside has led to a curious social awakwardness: in mixed gatherings of people who had never given a thought to their religion, there are strained silences. No one can lightly makes jokes about Sikhs (a traditional butt for humour of the wily-Welshman and the parsimonious Scotsman order) any more. Hindus are taken aback by the fierceness with which Sikhs speak about the violated sanctity of the Golden Temple: Sikhs are guarded in their speech when Hindus are near. A suspiciousness unknown before is at

When questioned, Hindus of Delhi's middle class claim a permanent breakdown in the re-lations between Sikhs and Hindus is unthinkable - the two communities have always celebrated festivals together, and intermarried - and that every effort at bridging the present gulf must be made. In the riot affected areas, however, the Hindu and Muslim neighbours of the murdered and looted Sikhs stand around sullenly watching govern-ment administrators and relief workers on their rounds. "They deserved what they got", they mutter, "these Sikhs had to be taught a lesson". There is neither remorse nor concern, only a smouldering sullenness. The difference in the attitudes of the upper and lower classes underlines another nasty home truth: that the gap between rich and poor is so enormous that the present situation will be difficult to maintain. The recent riots were a sample of what can be expected in the future.

In the slums the difference between the Hindus and Sikhs was not marked. In Trilokpuri, one of the worst affected areas, the people -

coolies or street vendors. The Sikhs occupied exactly the same tiny brick houses as their Hindu neighbours. Yet they gave the impression of being marginally better off because traditionally Sikhs live better - eat well and spend money. In Kalyanpuri, one of the poorest areas, the Sikhs did not even own brick houses. They had come from their villages to carn a living by making straw thatch for roofs and lived in mud huts. Yet many men from these families had gone to the Gulf to work and sent home transistor radios and tape-recorders. Surrounded by people for whom even a cooking pot is an object of envy, they were murdered and their houses razed to the ground. It was not envy or greed that led to the riots: it was the relentless brutalization of the poor.

All these slum dwellers had been forced out of their villages by poverty or caste-discrimination in of a living in the city. In 1976, the late Sanjay Gandhi launched a slum clearance programme and had them dumped across the river in resettlement colonies. Without any means to support themselves in the wasteland, many were driven to crime and the "colonies" became centres for the brewing of illicit liquor, prostitution, drug-trafficking and gang warfare. It made up a Brechtian underworld of which the middle class living in their comfortable homes on the right side of the river preferred not to know. Their eves were forced open and made to see it for what it was when the mobs stormed over the invisible barriers with cans of kerosene, and burnt and looted what they had imagined was inviolable. The communal riot became a class riot.

The Sikh lady taking old clothes and rice to the riot-hit areas said: These riots have affected the rich more than the poor." She was clearly not referring to the wealthy land-lords and industrialists whose farms and factories had been burnt down, and have been handsomely compensated. "The poor can always go to Punjab and start working as coolies

there or sell vegetables or peanuts But the rich have so much property and so many assets here – they can't just give them up and move. And how can we live in Punjab amongst the Jat Sikhs? We Delhi Sikhs are different from them."

One has only to visit some of the

refugee camps still crowded with Sikhs from one of the worst scenes of the violence – Block 32 of Trilokpuri – to see the difficulties they face in returning to any semblance of normality. Most of those crowded, 10 to a room, in a new low-cost housing estate at Farash Bazaar, are women - the widows and daughters of murdered Sikhs. Almost every family here has lost a male relation, several have lost all. The women are still in a state of shock, or hysteria. It is impossible to talk to them of the future, they can only repeat the dirge for the dead. After trying in vain to explain that they were offering interim relief money the relief workers retreat to

their headquarters at the police station to consult the few articulate representatives of the refugee community and plot how the women can be rehabilitated. They are applying to the government for a new housing estate since the refugees refuse to return to the scene of the carnage. They also intend to set up small scale industries and handicraft centres where these women will be able to sew, embroider and knit and sell their goods. The women will first need training; largely illiterate, none has ever worked before. The offer from various firms and factories to employ a certain number has had to be turned down: the women are unwilling to leave the security of the community, use public transport and venture into alien surroundings. Other organiza-tions, like the mobile creche, have moved in to set up schools. Before tents, rugs, stationery or any equipment at all arrived on the scene, the women are teaching children, orally, the alphabet, num-bers and multiplication tables.

While the government is preoccu-pied with bickering over the coming elections. Sikh leaders not under detention indulge in barbed ambi-guities to the Sikh population and the press and government. With such leadership the two communities seem to have no option but to wait for the next spark - an accident or no more than a rumour - to set alight another human confire. As one Punjab Hindu said, "There is petrol and there is a lighted candle. One does not know when the two could come together." A Sikh woman asked "The future? I can't see the future. It is too dark to see the future.'

But a poet has a peculiar difficulty in getting across his liberating messages; poetry is the plaything of the middle classes: "Literature", he says, "can be used to cement class boundaries. That is why I am against the cult of difficulty in

eye of the critic".

His device, he says, knowing the kind of people who are likely to pick up his poetry for literary gratification, is to "give them that gratification not shared by the majority". His sonnets, poems about his father, or a "historical" poems such as National Trust, are peppered

modern writing, against preciososity which is more intended to catch the

with these rebukes. These might appear too fine, refined and fragile messages to be heard above, for instance, the coarse cacophony from the Commons, but the poet can only do his best at a time when, Harrison says, "class hostilities have become more marked and the Word is under attack."

But in a new, long poem to be published soon by the London Review of Books we find him fighting not so much for life but for peace within the graveyard. It is an elegy written on his parental cemetery which has become the target for the graffiti of disenchanted Leeds United supporters who aerosol the gravestones with obscenities.

The question the honest philistine might ask is: how could anyone be a professional poet in 1984? There are no mysterious corners left in the globe, every blade of grass has been nosed into by media technology, and it is not la belle dame sans merci who intimidates us but a potential cosmic horror too robust for rhymes. Where does the poet get his will to write?

"If I could separate my intelligence from my heart", Harrison said, "my intelligence receives very grim pictures of the world and has an enormous tendency to pessimism. It seems to me that the strong rhythms i employ are a way of preserving a momentum into opin mism, even though the mind is registering nightmares.

That rhythmic energy is a kind of life-support system that takes me through the fire, so the poet in me is not blasted by the intelligence it receives, is not destroyed by it." David Watt

Jingle bombs, jingle bombs...

What is peace on earth? Or perhaps one should ask, what on earth is peace. The nearly simultaneous arrival of Christmas and Mr Gorbachov has prompted the question - and provided no satisfactory answer.

Most people instinctively want most people instinctively want peace as they always have — wonderful, uncomplicated, pristine peace with blue birds all over the shop and lions lying down with lambs. Because they have identified the direct nuclear clash between the superpowers as the most dramatic as well as the most dangerous form of conflict, they have pinned all their hopes of peace on the next round of arms control negotiations. That is why Mr Gorbachov's statements are being scanned with such desperate eagomess for any sign that may have a bearing on the arms talks in the New Year.

However Scrooge-like it may seem, we ought to distrust ourselves in this mood and distrust the Americans in it even more. In the. US after four years in the depths of the cold war, the usual reaction has finally set in and a wild manic upswing of opinion is now under way. Mr Reagan successfully smeared "detente" by association with the humiliations of the Carter era, but now the President is telling the American people and the world that detente is just round the corner if only Mr Gromyko will show a bit of flexibility when he meets George Shultz next month.

The immediate dangers of this state of mind are obvious. For one thing all the ballyhoo creates a tremendous pressure for a quick "fix" of some kind without too much worry about the long term. For another, there will be fearsome public reaction if (as is perfectly (casible) the arms negotiations lead to no immediate breakthrough.

The basic problem is that we still think in categories of "peace" and "war" that are really out of date. If the "great powers" are not actually fighting each other we feel, they ought, logically speaking, to be "at peace". And if they are at peace they ought not to be preparing for war. And if they are, in fact, preparing for war they will almost certainly end by fighting one. Wars in which the great powers are not participants are sad or terrible; they even seem dangerous at times when they look like involving the superpowers. But they do not really damage our basic vision of a world that would be sufficiently safe and peaceful for us if only the US and the Soviet Union would cease the arms race.

The more one thinks about it, the more inadequate this picture becomes, if we believe in nuclear deterrence and recognize that technology, in nuclear weapons and rockets, as in everything else, will not stand still, then some kind of arms race - even if at a much lower cost and level - can hardly be avoided. That is not war, but it is hardly peace either.

Naturally there are some people -E. P. Thompson and President Reagan, for instance - who believe that it would be better if the world was rid of nuclear weapons altogether, even if the chances of conventional conflict were thereby increased. But the truth is that, thanks never been more than an infitesimal chance of a nuclear war even at the worst times in the last four years.

frigidity (or bellicosity) of super-power relations have lain elesewhere - in the vast waste of resources on armaments, and in the hysteria whipped up on all sides, which has seriously undermined the cohesion of the western alliance and led to all sorts of stupid and destabilizing distortions of western policy towards the Third World.

The conclusion of all this is that the search for an old-fashioned peace is as fruitless and frustrating. as the search for an old-fashioned Christmas. We cannot recreate a non-nuclear world or international system so fragmented that we can " afford to ignore people starving or ... killing each other (by old-fashioned but effective methods) in far-off ... places, any more than we can recreate a world of Yule logs, sleighs and jolly ostlers. We must try to make peace in our own times and on

our own terms. Exactly what the shape of this ' ceace might be I do not know, but the first task is to clear away three in major illusions. First, it is no use expecting the two superpowers to reach a state of disarmed amity. There are too many real interests and perceived principles at stake. What we should be hoping and aiming for is greater understanding between them about the rules and 'limits of their relationship. This w means constant political communi- :: cation, less rhetoric, much greater transparency, and probably some broad, though implicit, agreement on spheres of influence.

This does not mean that arms control agreements are a worthless' aim, but we should not put too much weight on them. They will be the fruit of a more relaxed. relationship.

Secondly, it is no help to proclaim that the main disturber of peace in the contemporary world is injustice. The problems of minorities are atthe root of much; if not most, in conflict today; but one group's sense ... of injustice usually clashes with it some other group's sense of its legitimate rights. Today's world is full of fighters whose temperament and political provenance encourage them to sharpen issues and harden principle rather than seek common interest and indulge in "appease-"
ment" (in the literal sense) - that is, ... of gaining time and blurring hard w dges. Mrs Thatcher is one of them. In other words let the peace-maker beware. He is in a trade which demands an unfashionable degree of

Finally, let nobody suppose that , there is a quick way to produce a peaceful world. Peace is a continuous battle to keep conflict within bounds. One "solution" will always lead to another problem. If Britain abandoned Northern liveland there would probably be a civil war, if the Soviet Union withdrew from Eastern Europe then ancient Balkan strifes would re-emerge; if Israel were thrown into the sea the Arabs would be at each others' throats; if South Africa became a free black state, its economy would very likely fall into disrepair, causing a different kind of hardship to its population.

These are not arguments for il-leaving such problems alone or for in abandoning peace-making; they merely indicate that one ought to... approach these matters in a caut a ious, realistic spirit, and take a long view. Sir Geoffrey Howe was quite relations with Russia were an The real disadvantages of the endless process.

Philip Howard

Great editors I didn't know

The question this morning, brothers and sisters, is what makes a good editor. The hard-nosed journo's answer is that the ideal editor is Guy the Gorilla, partly because he is better-looking than most editors, but mainly because he is dead, and stuffed, and safely in the Natural History Museum, where he can perform his ceremonial function of looking impressive without inter-fering with his professional journalists getting tomorrow's paper out. Another hard-nosed hack defined an editor as: a person employed on a newspaper whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff, and to see that the chaff is printed.

Great editors come in all shapes even advantageous, to look for some common factor. Thomas Barnes, the first editor in the modern sense, was a robust intellectual and a very private man. He was a prolific writing editor, and his language was violent, if not offensive. Suggesting Cabinet changes: "The rubbish must be wheeled away to the last barrowful. Good God! Are we to have another downright fraud passed on the country?"

Barnes, the Great Unknown, detested the personality cult of vainjournalists. After the thundering patriarch of journalism had edited The Times for 24 years, and become, according to the Lord Chancellor, the most powerful man in the country, his name was published in his newspaper for the first time to announce his death: "On the 7th inst., at his house in Soho-Square, Thomas Barnes, Esq., in the 56th year of his age." That was all. Delane, Barnes's successor, could

not have been more different. He was a hearty, sporting, sociable Irishman, by no means an intellecstrengthening, and adding a toucher ganger not only to the leaders but every article that appeared in this paper. He once noted: "No column has been published in Times which has not some denty handwriting in the margin."

Sir William Haley was an editor of from the Barnes stable. An intrepid colleague once asked Haley whether us he had had a good weekend. He fit replied: "Very. I read seven books, in and reviewed four of them." Chesty is young journalist brings his first of leader to Haley. "The line I have taken, Sir, is..." "I don't mind what line you have taken, provided that you have written 700 words, and not a word more or less." When the Israeli ambassador sent him a crate of Israeli oranges at Christmas, he returned them at once by the same messenger, and the following Christmas, he wrote at the bottom of his Christmas card: "Send no more his of your oranges."

Sir William Rees-Mogg was a fill Delane when it came to dining out, m or "swelling" as Delane called it. "Whatever drama was raging around his the news desk, William caught the 165.10 pm to Somerset on a Friday." night, and let his professionals get on with it. He was a Barnes of leader-writing editors, though with a semore whimsical and eccentric touch than Barnes.

Harold Ross, the brilliant editor of The New Yorker, was clearly as dotty as a painting by Scurat ?!
Introverted, as private as Barnes, ;; prickly, a stickler for accuracy with a me mania for facts and detail, he covered the margins of his contributory copy with such designations as "unclear", "repetition", "cliche", "and "ellipsis". He hated going to the theatre because people recognized talked to him; but he kept on going, A in case one day he saw a play he

These editors were clearly a very mixed bunch. The only thing they had in common was that they were tual. He was not a writing editor. We as good as their last issues, in the vice can identify only two or three same unforgiving way that a colleaders that he wrote himself during journalist is as good as his or her last oil his 36 years in the chair. His piece. They were great editors or his 36 years in the chair. His piece They were great editors or strength lay in editing cutting because they had an instinct for publications, each side makes the other great.

(That's enough about editors, Ed.)

Peter Lennon meets Tony Harrison, an alien in two cultures

Taking people to poetry



Harrison: combining the classical and the vernacular.

alienated from my background and that is what makes me want to communicate with it," he says. The idea of social mobility is to climb the ladder and kick it away.

but a poet cannot do that. "Because your formative years acquiring speech are spent in the home," he said, "it is there you acquire your language." But he also feels alienated from the literary world, "a loner in modern poetry." His preoccupation is to do poetic justice

to both alienations.

His linguistic talents have allowed him to make a name as a translator, rather transliterator, of the classics: his translations of the The Oresteia, of Molière's Misanthrope and Racine's Phedra were notable successes at the National, Harrison claims that his free translations do not distort the original: "I use a kind of translator's judo. It's not pugilistics. You don't batter the original into submission, you use the weight of its political assumptions". One of his judo throws landed Phedra, 10 general critical satisfaction: in colonial India, and The Misanthrope in revolutionary Paris of the late

Harrison believes passionatelythat "the short and simple annals of the poor" in Britain are disgracefully scarce. In France, he agrees, they do things better, there a whole school of annalist historians minister to the needs of insubstantial peasants who would otherwise leave not a wrack behind. Of his own ancestors, he says, "only the silence of the past comes to us". The poet, he says, should have a similar mission to the historian of rescuing from silence the class into which he was born, and to articulate for them certain moments of the past".

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TARGET FOR 1985

The parliamentary turmoil surrounding the Government in the weeks before the Christmas adjournment is not an automatic guide to its standing in the country. Looking at the public opinion polls, and at the perfectly adequate result of the Southgate by-election, Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues may feel that they need have no cause for great worry. They will recollect that in the mid-term of the last Parliament they were losing seats to the Alliance parties, and that the Government's economic policies were then under heavy public attack (inside the Cabinet as well as out of it) from that section of the Conservative Party then described as "Wets" who wanted more public spending (inflation notwithstanding) in the hope that it would produce more jobs.

Yet despite these difficulties, Mrs Thatcher went on to a triumphant victory in the election of 1983, which the Prime Minister may think cuts down to size the most recent attacks from those Tories who are again demanding expansion through public spending as the remedy for unemployment. What has been done once, she may be tempted to think, can be done again.

Besides, looking across the House of Commons it is impossible to see a credible alternative government among the Opposition parties. On the surface, Labour in parliament has lately presented a more moderate image, provided one can forget the scary Scargillism which convulsed its party conference less than three months ago. But all the evidence is that the public does not want the goods that Labour has on its counter, and wants still less those barely half concealed beneath the counter which would forcibly be pushed

committing itself to any target

rates puts off the prospect of

lower interest rates and, perhaps

worst of all, tends to undermine

the aura of confidence so vital to

All this, then is comfort for Mrs Thatcher. But when comfort is duly taken she would be wise to pay heed to dangers in the present situation which were not present in the comparable troubles of the last Parliament. Then the overriding enemy was inflation and most people understood that this was so. When Mrs Thatcher said there was no alternative to her policies they agreed and supported her. They were prepared to pay the price to defeat it. Now inflation is down to under five per cent, which is still far too high, but is low enough to make it seem a less virulent enemy. The cause in which the Government still needs to maintain its discipline over public spending is just as real but is less clear cut, and precisely because this is so, the Government needs to give much more attention to carrying public opinion with it.

Instead, it has allowed its energies to be deflected into unnecessary battles in the House of Commons over what are essentially secondary issues instead of concentrating on carrying public opinion along with a clear and co-ordinated strategy for disciplining public spending, beating inflation and creating the circumstances appropriate to a productive and flourishing economy. In two parliamentary sessions successively, it has brought about a situation in which Mr Patrick Jenkin has been a parliamentary Aunt Sally, first on rate-capping, now on GLC abolition and over the spending of money raised by local authorities from council house sales.

All this has come about because the Government went into an early election in 1983 right lessons.

on the public if Labour were in without having prepared a power. without having prepared a proper strategy. Unable to solve its rates problem and rightly concerned with the inflationary level of local government spending, it hastily cobbled policies together which do not cohere and, certainly in respect of GLC abolition, have alienated too

much opinion. The 1984-85 Session is the key Session of this Parliament, in which the Government should have been able to identify to the public the essential achievements it hoped to put before them at the next election, the core of which must surely be a coherent reappraisal of priorities for social spending. That is vital, both to put resources where the real needs are and also to exert the discipline over public spending that is essential if inflation is to be conquered. Now, though the Fowler review will be ready in the coming year, the necessary legislation is unlikely until later in 1986, which means carrying controversy dangerously close to the next election without anything positive to show for it.

At the heart of the problem is the government's failure to act as a team thinking out a concerted strategy. Its approach is cellular; hence the ill-planned advance and the forced retreat of Sir Keith Joseph over student grants. Too much policy is made on the trot, or by Mrs Thatcher gathered together with two or three as problems crop up. There is too little forward thinking and. so far as the economy is concerned, too much weight on the tax-cutting strategy (good in itself) of a Chancellor who is as bad a communicator with colleagues as he is with the country.

So far this has been a stultified parliament, but it is not too late for the government to mend its ways if it is willing to learn the

THE MESSAGE OF THE POUND

level for sterling on the foreign exchanges, if only because pursuing policy objectives on both sterling and the money supply at the same time is liable to make both ineffective. Money took the than the one before. higher priority in the battle The threat of further oil prices against inflation. But that does not stop the recent precipitate fall in the pound's value being a signal of considerable and almost wholly depressing significance. Yesterday the pound touched new all-time lows against the average of the currencies of countries we trade with. That automatically cuts Britain's standard of living, increases our relative inflation

our continued economic recov-These damaging effects are not? so dramatic as they were a few years ago, partly due to changing trade patterns and dollar-denominated North Sea oil, partly due to unconscious changes in attitudes brought by the Government's affected indifference to the fate of the pound. The supposed offsetting benefits to industry beloved of a generation of devaluationists have likewise faded. Firms most sensitive to the exchange rate closed in great

The Treasury has eschewed rose to a third above today's level, double today's rate against the dollar, in 1981.

The fall, more insistent as 1984 progressed, can be explained in three levels of perspective, each more chastening

cuts, focused on the Opec meeting in Geneva, triggered this week's run. The markets had already been made unsympathetic by a sheaf of alarming economic statistics, many of them distorted, for different reasons, in the wrong direction for sterling. Few of those selling our currency seriously doubt that obvious in the United States and the Government's overall econcourse, but there are temporary worries about monetary growth, the trend of wage costs and

Runs on currencies, however, presuppose a background of weakness. The Treasury and the Bank of England have made it so an alternative to the dollar if policy since Mr Nigel Lawson

been lost on markets. They see

ministers quite happy, provided the money supply growth ends within its target ceilings, even though the output it needs to finance has been pushed well below forecast by the coal strike. The opportunity to make further inroads into inflation has been passed by.

The enduring dispute in the mines also confirms the indefinable suspicions of many that the British disease is still liable to break out at any moment and, despite Government creating the right conditions for steady growth, the economy still lacks any sign of the dynamism so now reasserting itself in Japan, Productivity growth, so spec tacular in the phase when British industry was rationalising itself and shedding labour has failed to sustain its momentum during the past few months.

Employees may be realistic. but are they fully engaged in the drive to create wealth? Managers clear that they will cut domestic are more efficient, but are they interest rates to gain the benefits committed to the expansion and of past restraint as soon and as the new products needed to often as the exchange markets create new jobs, instead of permit that speculators are relying on overtime in case hardly likely to choose sterling as recovery does not last? There is much to be done before the they suspect the United States British economy enters that currency is about to lose its virtuous circle of steadily rising recent overwhelming attractions. currency and real incomes that Moreover, the subtle changes in so fired the Conservatives' shadow Treasury team before became Chancellor have not they took on the task.

RESPECT FOR A 'DWINDLING RIGHT'

When a child of parents of tioning this in the "most un- contraceptive advice is clearly certain religious denominations falls ill, the parents may refuse to allow it to be given necessary blood transfusions because their religion prohibits it. The doctors then sometimes have the child made a ward of court just till the surgery is completed. It is a faintly absurd but effective and public way of enabling cortors to overrule the parents while paying proper respect to their legal right in general to give or refuse consent. Conscience is savec; the legal forms are saved; the chi'd is saved. The situation that the Court of Appeal ruled on yesterday in the case of Mrs Gillick is distinct in one important respect: the doctor who judges that it is in the best interests of a child under 16 toprovide her with contraceptive assistance without the consent of her parents overrules them privately, without his judgement

numbers when the sterling index

being tested by any court. The statute and case law covering this special situation have been considered unclear, and many doctors have seen it as their duty to give help if they are convinced that the girl is unlikely to abandon sexual activity with all its dangers, and that her relations with her parents are such that they would refuse consent, or perhaps react by rejecting her if they found out. Without the assurance of secrecy, girls would be less likely to seek help. In 1980 the Department of Health issued guidelines sanc-

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usual" event of the girl stead- not likely to be acting with fastly resisting all urgings to straight-forward childish irresbring her parents in.

There was no compulsion of doctors to prescribe against their accurate one. own judgement, but Mrs Gillick felt that the guidelines infringed her rights as a parent and sought a guarantee from her health Suggestions that contraception is authority that they would not be something inaccessible without a invoked in respect of her own daughters. The health authority claims that this particular derefused, and yesterday all three judges in the Court of Appeal found that it had been wrong to do so in her case.

The three judges were unanimous in finding that there was no basis in law for the idea that parental rights could be disregarded without the intervention of a court. They all stressed that it was desirable in general to entrench parental rights firmly, and undesirable for them to be overruled without due process.

Lord Justice Parker referred rather wistfully to one of Lord Denning's clarion calls for judicial creativity: referring to a case decided in Victorian days when a father's authority was absolute, he declined to accept "a view so much out of date": the authority of a parent over a minor was "a dwindling right which the courts will hesitate to enforce against the wishes of the child, and the more so the older he is". The judge added: "This it clearly is," before going on to reject Lord Denning's temptation. But a minor seeking

ponsibility, and her assessment of her parents' views may be an

It may be the law, but is it right? The argument has often been over-stated on both sides. doctor's help are as emotive as partmental circular is to blame for a growth in teenage promiscuity which is in any case not unambiguously demonstrable, in the period in question. Either way, the law might precipitate tragedy in hard cases. But in most cases the parents will know the child better than the doctor does, and be more intensely

concerned to protect its interests. But the effect of yesterday's decision is to deny doctors the option of exercising a discretion legally in cases where a child may blunder into disaster acting without advice for fear that the doctor will tell. Some doctors are no doubt over-confident in applying their own moral prejudices in cases where parents legitimately hold opposite views; many doctors are scrupulous in avoiding doing so. The question is whether we trust doctors enough to exercise that kind of discretion. As the judges say, that is for Parliament to decide. Until Parliament has decided, doctors should beware of taking matters into their own hands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doctors unwilling to take prescription allowed list. Unfortunately there is.

page to cover them all.

I do not pretend to know the

answers to all the therapeutic

problems with which GPs are faced

every day. Patients' response to drugs is not uniform or invariably

predictable. There are allergies,

diosyncratic responses, psycho-

logical and social factors, all of

which should influence prescribing.

Some patients only respond to

unusual or rarely prescribed drugs.

Mr Fowler shows colossal arrogance in seeking at a stroke, to rationalize prescribing without fully considering these factors and

without apparently recognizing the

effort and thought many doctors

Sir. Your leading article of Decem-

ber 13 requires comment. The

article reads as an attack on the

medical profession and seems in

poor taste largely because it shows

total lack of understanding of the

serious problem which may arise if the Government's proposals for a

Many of us have attempted to

prescribe fewer, cheaper and more appropriate drugs for some years

have issued generic prescriptions for approaching 10 years. What appears

not be understood is the wholesale

these people who need large doses of

opiate drugs distressing and painful

consupation will occur if appropri-

ate laxatives are not used at the

same time. All the most valuable

laxatives commonly needed for

these patients are excluded from the list of allowed drugs.

While discussing pain relief it

should also be noted that no drugs

between simple aspirin or paraceta-

mol and powerful morphine remain

in the list. This means that many

people are going to be given

the benzodiazeoine drugs; three only

in this group are retained and two of

them are drugs which remain in the

bloodstream for much more than 24

hours. This is entirely inappropriate

in many cases, modern experts now

preferring to use drugs which are

eliminated inside 12 or certainly 24

Many members of the profession

would support a more sensible

prescribing list, but an article about

the problem should be based on understanding, not ignorance of some of the serious problems which:

The second illustration concerns

morphine, perhaps too soon.

and I am only one of many

inappropriate.

restricted drug list come into force.

already apply to these problems.

Yours faithfully,

44 Lodore Road,

High West Jesmond.

Newcastle upon Tyne. December 13.

From Dr J. W. Bennett

D. T. LIPMAN.

From Mr Maurice Sutton

Sir, Dr Marks says (December 17) that limiting the number of drugs available on NHS prescriptions would result in patients no longer being able to obtain those drugs which may be best for them, under the NHS. These are emotive words aimed at influencing the public who are ignorant of the facts.

In Mims, the compendium of drugs that doctors may prescribe, there are 61 sedatives listed. They vary greatly in price, but all have the same action. Any one could be replaced by any of the others.

If a drug was inferior, market forces would ensure that it would soon cease to be manufactured. The decision on which drug to prescribe is now often made by a random selection of a name on a page of Mims, perhaps influenced subconsciously by the most recent bout of hospitality provided by a pharmaceutical firm.

The doctor is a custodian of the public purse and those of us who take our responsibilities seriously must welcome the minister's pro-

Yours faithfully, MAURICE SUTTON, Director, Department of Radiotherapy & Oncology, North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton, N18. December 17.

From Dr D. T. Lipman Sir, Your editorial, "Prescribing propaganda" (December 13) is not only offensive in tone, it totally fails to identify the reason why Mr Fowler's proposals have evoked such a strong adverse reaction from the medical profession (which shows few of the differences of opinion which divided its response to Mr Clark's deputising proposals).

Firstly, whatever the merits or demerits of individual drugs on the forbidden list, it represents a fundamental and, I believe, morally wrong change in the NHS to allow drugs to be prescribed privately, but not on NHS prescription. Many patients will simply not be able to afford to pay and will have a change of medication forced upon them which will not be forced upon the better-off.

Secondly, the list was announced without consultation with any representatives of the medical profession, which is already attempting to rationalize its prescribing habits. This process is being encouraged by the success of vocational training for general practice and by the activities of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Most younger doctors recognize the need for responsible prescribing, for medical and economic reasons, and, like myself, deplore the excesses of recent years. This does not mean we accept the Government's arbitrary and ill thought-out proposal.

My third point is that the list of allowed drugs does not adequately cover the genuine needs of patients. I could give many examples of preparations which have specific useful properties, which it is the NHS, and which are not adequately substituted by

Reopening Cyprus file

Bristol (Conservative)

Motorway crashes

cause the driver is following too

ately ahead. The solution lies in the

"two-second rule": regardless of

your speed, keep at least two seconds behind the vehicle ahead,

when weather and road conditions

are ideal. In poorer conditions,

lengthen the time interval, up to 10

To calculate the time interval.

pick a roadside mark ahead (e.g., a lamppost). As the vehicle ahead

passes it, start counting "One

thousand and one; one thousand and two" etc., and note whether you

have by then passed that same mark.

If you reach that mark before the

time expires, increase your distance.

over Mr McCombie's is that it

requires no expenditure on spaced

reflectors, nor on a development team of engineers!

Yours faithfully,

29 Eagle Street, Pennfields,

December 13.

Wolverhampton.

ROBERT MARRIS,

One advantage of this method

seconds or more in icy conditions.

closely behind the vehicle immedi-

are likely to arise.

Yours faithfully.

The Surgery, Brookfield Road,

Gloucester.

JOHN W. BENNETT.

From Mr Robert Marris From Mr Richard Cottrell, MEP for Sir, As an erstwhile bus driver, I

Sir, In his letter to you on December must take issue with Mr McCombie (December 13). He states: "Motor-way collisions in fog always occur 10 the Greek Ambassador neglects entirely the central point made by because a driver thinks he (sic) is your contributor in the article "Time to reopen the old Cyprus going slowly enough when in fact he file". It is, of course, precisely that. Most such accidents occur be-

The Ambassador does not explain why two governments have refused. since the restoration of democracy, to publish all the documents relating to the Samson coup and the subsequent departure of the colonels from illegal office. If the Greek authorities resent what the amhassador describes as ludicrous notions, then they have only to open the files. Since they refused to adopt this course, then speculation - and indeed, much more than speculation

- is inevitable. It is by the way disingenuous to blacken the character of Professor Devletoglou by dragging in his alleged associations with the military junta. There are many people in public office in Greece today who were appointed by that same junta. This is certainly a significant point to bear in mind in any discussion concerning not only Cyprus but Greece itself.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD COTTRELL, 48 Silver Street, Aidsomer Norton. Nr Bath, Avon. December 11.

Sizewell inquiry

Sir, I should like to comment on two

of your recent reports on the

progress of the public inquiry into

the proposed Sizewell pressurized

water reactor power station. You

reported (December 4) a claim by M

Zerbib. a French engineer, that

workers at the proposed power

station would be exposed to twice

the radiation level estimated by the

Central Electricity Generating

M Zerbib's figure of 430 manrems

a year, compared with the CEGB

target of 240 manrems a year, is not,

as he claimed, in line with French

experience of operating PWRs. It is

a prediction based on an assumed increase in radiation levels in the

future. As CEGB pointed out at the

inquiry, neither M Zerbib's figure

nor his assumption reflect experi-

Sizewell B's design incorporates

many features which will reduce

radiation dose levels below current

ence in France or elsewhere.

From Mr John Baker

Board.

French, values. The most important of these is the use of low cobalt materials, which will reduce the radioactive contamination of the reactor coolant system, and therefore doses to operators and maintenance staff. The CEGB is committed to achieving the same radiation safety standards at Sizewell B as at its gas-cooled reactors.

Secondly, your reporting of the Nuclear installations Inspectorate's final report to the inquiry (December 17) omitted to mention the inspectorate's conclusion that provided the CEGB meets its future commitments and programmes on clearing safety issues, there is no reason why the predicted date of January, 1986, for licensing should not be met

The NII's report also noted that agreement has now been reached on the resolution of the six substantial safety issues identified by the NII when the inquiry began, as well as good progress over a whole range of safety issues.

The board is not "arguing" with

Joint boards for land reclamation?

From the President of the Landscape capability to tackle land reclanot enough room on your letters Institute

Sir. The progressive improvement of the physical environment of vast areas of England close to some of our greatest cities will surely stop with effect from April, 1986. This is the conclusion to be drawn from the Bill to abolish the metropolitan counties and the Greater London

From a scrutiny of the published Bill one could be excused for believing that this traumatic legislation was prepared under the authorship of people quite unfamiliar with the accumulation of skills in landscape reclamation work assembled in the metropolitan counties - and, what is so ironic. with their proven record of cost-

Similarly, in the case of the GLC, it is becoming all too clear that the legislation's proposers have little idea of the extent of the GLC importance and influence in seeking to improve the landscapes of the Lee and Coine valleys, their long tradition of managing a number of metropolitan parks which straddle borough boundaries, as well as their work in creating major new metropolitan parks in the underprivileged

parts of the capital. The GLC's and the metropolitan counties' record in the fields of reclamation and environmental renewal are very much related to their successful provision of an agreed planning framework for the metropolitan areas in which environmental improvement is seen as an essential precursor to economic regeneration. Programmes, priorities for action and funding are set in an overall context and are not complicated by local issues.

removal of groups of drugs, retain-Since the Government is proposing just a few - some of which are ing joint boards for functions such as police, fire, passenger transport, etc, why not a similar provision to May I give just two instances? Britain has led the world in caring for the terminally ill patient, for continue the vital environmental work currently being carried out by the metropolitan counties and GLC? Such boards could provide not only the overall strategic planning frame work, but also the skills and

gether with minerals control, highways planning and waste disposal. context and direction to provide an

mation, countryside and strategic

environmental improvement, to-All are related environmental issues which require an overall planning efficient service to the metropolitan Such a joint board would also make possible the retention of the "specialist capability" (referred to by

Mr Kenneth Baker, minister respon-sible for the Bill, in his statement in the House on November 16), within a small, efficient organization charged to tackle key strategic issues. If this proves impossible, then in some areas, such as the West Midlands' Black Country, why not tackle the problem by means of 2 specialized development agency or urban development corporation. similar to those established in

Merseyside and London dockland? Nobody close to this problem can understand (a) why established teams of very experienced people in landscape reclamation have to be broken up when their cost-effectiveness is not questioned, or (b) how the borough and district councils can be expected to sustain the sheer scale and momentum of the environmental rôle of the GLC and metropolitan counties.

All governments have accepted that environmental improvement is fundamental to achieving economic recovery in our metropolitan areas and accordingly have invested heavily in derelict land and urban programme funding. Has this Government adopted a different policy and - despite the Prime Minister's rumoured concern for the growing strength of the "green vote" now decided to abolish the very agencies that have a proven record in the field of environmental improvement? Yours faithfully.

DAVID E. RANDALL. President. The Landscape Institute, 12 Carlton House Terrace, SW1. December 17.

Third London airport

From Mr M. H. Statham

Sir, Your leader-writer ("Stansted can wait", December 11) calls for a fifth terminal at Heathrow and a guarantee from the Government that a second runway at Stansted will not be built. This is simply muddled thinking. As he must surely know, the reason why the Government does not favour (to use his word) a fifth terminal is because of its piedge not to allow one at the time of the public enquiry into the fourth. If it backtracks on this pledge any gitarantee concerning Stansted will be demonstrably

uscless. The logic of other aspects of your leader is also odd, to say the least. For instance: 'a fifth terminal could be added at only marginal cost in burden on services and the environment". But anyone who believes this must also believe either that west London is a desert or that all its inhabitants are stone deaf.

and it is only common sense to realize, despite BA's huffings and puffings to the contrary, that aircraft movements will double too (and indeed the Inspector himself granted this point at the enquiry - I was there and I heard him). Over a wide area of west London noise from aircraft is already almost intolerable, it is beyond understanding how your leader-writer can

With a fifth terminal built, the

annual rate of passengers through Heathrow will more than double

characterize the doubling of this pollution (for that is what it is), with all it will mean in suffering for countless thousands of people, as a marginal burden on the environment. Yours faithfully, M. H. STATHAM, 13 Fabyc House.

Cumberland Road. Kew. Richmond, Surrey. December 12.

Tarkovsky family

From Mr David Gothard and others Sir, We write as long-standing admirers of the Russian film director Andrei Tarkovsky and his brilliant films.

As your readers will know, he tried with tact and patience over many years to reach a modus vivendi with the Soviet political and cinema authorities. Gradually he was squeezed out, censored, harassed, ignored and, finally, treated with silent but calculating cruelty. In 20 years he has only been allowed to work at his art for about five. In July he finally felt compelled, against his will, to settle

in the West.
Since 1982 he and his wife have, with official permission, lived abroad. But all requests that their 13-year-old son be allowed to join them have met with a stony silence. The unfortunate boy has been living with an 82-year-old grandmother. his separation from his parents as he enters adolescence.

Our request to Mr Gorbachov, on the occasion of his visit to London, is a simple matter endorsed by the Helsinki Agreement of 1975: that all the members of the Tarkovskys' family who wish to join them should be allowed to do so.

Such a move by the Soviet

authorities would be appreciated not only by us but also, we are sure, by our colleagues in the film industry and all lovers of the cinema. Yours sincerely. DAVID GOTHARD.

irresponsible for the branch to waste

£600 of members' money carrying

out a special mailing. There has

been no "hold-up".

I, and no doubt many other NUJ

members, would be interested to

know who Mr Levin's anonymous

"advisers" are. For those members

of the National Union of Journalists

who prefer to have the full story, the

RICHARD EYRE STEPHEN FREARS. DAVID PUTTNAM, NICOLAS ROEG, JOHN SCHLESINGER. Riverside Studios. Crisp Road, W6. December 20.

NUJ editorship

From Ms Kate Holman Sir, Contrary to Bernard Levin's unsubstantiated allegations (The Times, December 18), there is nothing conspiratorial about the NUJ London Freelance Branch's handling of the election for Journal-

The branch conducts a mailing to its 3,200 members once a month. containing the LFB circular. The current mailing is the first since the ballot papers became available for distribution. Since, as Mr Levin points out, they do not have to be returned until January 14, giving members almost a month to fill them in, it would have been

the inspectorate, as your news item

says, over stress analysis for the

steam generator hardware and the

provision of more information on

the computer-based protection sys-

tem. This work is on the board's programme and there is every

confidence agreement will be

reached in the same way that many

other more important items have

· It is not the case that LOCA (loss

of coolant accident) is an outstand-

ing dispute. This was resolved some

time ago and does not even appear

in the NIPs final report of

Finally, outstanding safety issues will not affect the economics of

Sizewell B, as evidence to the

inquiry from the NII confirmed last

JOHN BAKER (Board member)

Central Electricity Generating

been resolved.

outstanding work.

Yours faithfully,

Sudbury House,

15 Newgate Street, EC1. December 20.

Board.

two candidates he failed to mention are Bernard Corbett, a humble sub on that revolutionary publication The Guardian; and Tim Gopsil, who has worked for such rabblerousing organisations as The Ob-server, LBC and the BBC.

As an NUJ member with a belief in democracy I deplore Mr Levin's abuse of his privileged position as a Times columnist in order to canvass for the candidates of his choice - a privilege denied to the great majority of union members. Yours faithfully. KATE HOLMAN, Chairman

London Freelance Branch. -National Union of Journalists, Acora House, 314-320 Gray's Inn Road, WCI.

Just so

From Miss Anne Scott-James Sir, Mrs Elspeth Huxley (December 14) claims that animals are never cruel, carnivores killing quickly for food and herbivores pursuing a policy of non-interference with others. But it is most unpleasant to see hens pecking the eyes of a sick sister in a hen coop, and a cat clearly has a good time playing with a Yours faithfully.

ANNE SCOTT-JAMES, 78 Cheyne Court, Royal Hospital Road, SW3 December 12

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COURT AND SOCIAL Conjuring up tartan designs on

COURT

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 20: His Excellency Mr

lambalyn Banzar was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Mongolian People's Republic to the Court of St. James's.

Mongolian People's Republic to the
Mongolian People's Republic to the
Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied
by the following members of the
Embassy, who had the honour of
bing presented to Her Majesty. Mr
Gonsurengun Dugree (First Secretary) and Mr Tumur-Ochiryn
Munkhsaikhan (Attachè).

Mrs Banzar had the honour of
Mother, Patron. The Prince Andrew
and The Princess Margaret, Counters
of Snowdon, President this
evening attended a Gala Perform-

Mrs Banzar had the honour of being received by The Queen. Sir Antony Acand (Permament Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by

Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary from Japan to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Whitehead, Sir William Hestiline and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

Sir Anthony Rawlinson (Joint Permanent Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry) had the honour of being received by Her December 20: The Duke of

Gloucester was present this evening at a Dinner to commemorate the 150th Anniversaries of the Royal The Lord Carrington had an Institute of British Architects and the Chartered Institute of Building audience to The Queen when Her Majesty handed to him the Gold Badge and Chain upon his at the Baltic Exchange, St Mary Axe. London EC3. Licutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 20: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented today by The Marquess of Normanby at a memorial service for Lord Howard of Henderskelfe which was held at York Minster. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron evening attended a Gala Performance of The Nutcracker, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Children, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. of the United Kingdom Committee, loday received Mr James Grant,

Their Majesties and Their Royal Her Majesty was present, and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.
His Excellency Mr Tsuyoshi Hirahara were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His

Their Majesties and I near Koyal Executive Director of Onices.

Highnesses were received on arrival Miss Alice Saxby has been discharged from hospital and is convalescing at home. She sends Christmas greetings to her many friends and regrets she will not be Sending cards this year.

The engagement is announced between Myles Michael, younges

oerween Mytes Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs M. Shevlane, of Peterborough, and Julie Marion, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. J. Clifford, of Oversley Grange Farm, Alcester, Warwickshire.

The engagement is announced between David Edward, son of Mr and Mrs J. B. Stout, of Scotby,

Carlisle, and Janatha, eldest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs A. Gilchrist, of

and Captain N. M. Coppock, RADC

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Major

D. W. Tims. RE, and Mrs of Chatham, Kent, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Surgeon Captain (D) and Mrs D. A. Coppock, of Alverstoke, Hamp-

The engagement is announced between Alan Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. C. W. Westwood,

of Sheltermoss, Humbling Bridge, Kinross, and James Helena, daugh-

ter of Mr and Mrs A. F. Batten, of Whitmore Vale, Cottage, Hindhead,

Marriages
Mr D. H. T. Day
and Mrs C. J. Wynne-Williams

The marriage took place quietly on Thursday. December 13, 1984 between Mr D. H. T. Day and Mrs C. J. Wynne-Williams.

The marriage took place in Kensington, London, on Saturday, December 15, between Mr Geoffrey Edwards and Dr Joan Hibberd.

Executive Director of Unicef

Mr M. M. Shevlane and Miss J. M. Clifford

Mr D. E. Stout and Miss J. Gilchrist

Captain M. A. Tims. RE

Mr A. C. Westwood and Miss J. H. Batten

Surrey.

Mr G. Edwards

and Dr J. L. Hibberd

Professor A. C. Lendrun and Dr Ann Sandison

undesirable by the Curator of the Scottish Tartans Museum at Comrie, Perthshire.

Dr Micheil MacDonald was reacting yesterday to the news that the Scottish College of Textiles at Galashiels has developed such a machine that will cut the cost and the time taken to design new textiles, including tartan.

Computers have their place in the scheme of things, Dr MacDonald admitted, but they could never be more than a tool in the hands of the designer. They could never replicate the flair and style that were the strengths of authentically designed tertans.

Computer's bilious tartan creation

Donald had encountered, had been produced for the state of Ohio in the United States. a computer screen at the press of a button has been criticized as It had mixtures of red representing the stell and automotive industries, green and

gold for agriculture, blue for the Ohio lakes and rivers and white for the winter snows. Five colours represented the nationalities and nations living in Ohio (black was curiosuly omitted although the state was

the first to elect a black mayor) and there was a strong splash of yellow symbolizing the largest onion farm in the world. "I called it the McVomit although quite by chance they had reinvented the Buchanan tartan except that the colours were slightly more bilious. It is

a fairly appalling and sentimen-The most strident example of tal way to design cloth.

"Certainly in days past of one ever sat down to design a wove fato the texture blue for the varicose veins, red for the bloodshot eyes and purple for the claret nose of the clan chief". Dr MacDonald declared.

Tartan had developed over 2,000 years and whether it was associated with particular clans was beside the point. It remained the most popular cloth in the world next to denim and, according to the curater, there were signs that denim was on the decline.

He said that fashion designers from Italy, France and Japan understood that it was difficult to beat anything that had evolved over such a tim patterns that were both balanced and aesthetically appeal-



Royal return: The Queen of Spain yesterday welcoming home to Madrid her son, Crown Prince Felipe, after his arrrival from Canada where he is at school.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon James Manningham-Buller Mr H.L. Garnham
and Mrs R. Watkins

and Miss N. M. Mackie The engagement is announced between James Edward, elder son of Viscount Dihorne and Mrs Stuart Holden, of I Alfreton Close, Wimbledon, and Nicola Marion. cidest daughter of Mr ad Mrs Sven Mackie of Ballydugan House, Downpatrick, county Down.

:: Mr J. F. Molony and Miss C. C. Ponsonby

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The engagement is announced between John, younger son of the late Sir Joseph Molony, KCVO, QC. late Sir Joseph Molony, KC VO, QC. and of Lady Molony, of Chelsea, SW3, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Brigadier Wilfred Ponsonby, OBE, of West Burton, North Yorkshire, and of the late Mrs Christine Ponsonby.

Mr P. D. Aldred and Miss C. L. Whiteley

The engagement is announced hetween Duncan, son of Mr and hetween Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Aldred, of Bessacart, Doncaster, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr Brian Whiteley, of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and Mrs Sheena Whiteley, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr M. P. Atkin

The engagement is announced between Matthew Philip, son of Dr Philip Atkin and Mrs Margaret Atkin, of Sheffield, Yorkshire, and Catherine Jane, elder daughter of Major-General and Mrs Douglas Paton, of Camberley, Surrey.

Announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Hay, of Dundonald, Ayrshire, and Sheelagh, only daughter of Dr S. J. Ogilvie-Thomson, of Oxford, and the late Mr M. C. Ogilvie-Thomson, of Peebles, The engagement is announced between Matthew Philip, son of Dr Philip Atkin and Mrs Margaret Atkin, of Sheffield, Yorkshire, and Paton, of Camberley, Surrey. Mr M.J. Carboni

and Miss A.K. Young

The engagement is announced between Marius, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.A. Carboni, of Sundridge Park, Bromley, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.E. Young, of Plaxtol, Kent. of Bristol where the marriage take place quietly on February 1.

Mr R.J. Eden and Miss A.M. Brand

Mr M,D.A. Carmichael and Miss N.P. Stewart-Meikleighn

The engagement is announced between Malcolm, youngest son of Major and Mrs Peter O. Carmichael, Arthurstone, Meigle, Perthshire, and Nicola, only daughter of Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn, Housel Blees, and Stephanie, daughter of Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn, Housel Blees, and Stephanie, daughter of Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn, Housel Blees, and Stephanie, daughter of Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn, Housel Blees, and Stephanie, daughter of Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn, Housel Blees, and Stephanie, daughter of Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meikleighn Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Major and Mrs Neil J. Stewart-Meiklejohn, Howard Place, St of Dr and Mrs Maurice Sasieni, of Andrews, Fife.

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Armitage, 78; Sir Arthur Bensob, 77; Air Commandant Dame Jean Bromet, 72; Lord Caccia, 79; Mrs Chris Evert-Lloyd, 30; Vice-Admiral Sir Raymond 30; Vice-Admiral Sir Raymond Hawkins, 75; Lord Justice Lawton, 73; Mr David McFall, 65; Mr W. M. M. Milligan, 77; Mr Merlin Minshall, 78; the Most Rev John A. Murphy, 79; Sir John Nabarro, 69; Sir Kenneth O'Connor, 88; Mr Anthony Powell, 79; Flight Lieutenant W. Reid, VC, 63; Mr Walter Spanghero, 41; Mr Greville Starkes, 45; Mr Peter Tinniswood, 45; Mr James Tve, 63; Dr Kurt Waldheim James Tye, 63; Dr Kurt Waldheim,

Mr R. M. G. Gray and Miss M. A. Chan

The engagement is announced between Robin Matthew Gilbert, elder son of Mr Gilbert Gray, QC. and Mrs Gray, of Beckdale House, Scalby. Scarborough, and Maureen Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Chambers, of Manor Farm, Great Habton, North Yorkshire.

Dr P. V. Harrison and Dr P. J. L. Hall

Mr J. H. Hay and Miss S. J. Ogilvie-Thomson

and Mrs A. E. Miles-Taylor

and Miss C. W. Davies

The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and hetween Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Garnham, of Woking, Surrey, and, Louise, widow of Mr Rhodri Watkins and twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Turner, of

The engagement is announced between Philip Harrison, of Halton, Lancaster, younger son of Mrs E. E. Harrison, of Cottingham, North Humberside, and the late Mr K. F. Harrison, and Philippa, daughter of Dr and Mrs A. W. I. Hall, of Arkholme, Lancashire.

The engagement is announced between Noel Hill, of Askham, Cumbria, and Anne Miles-Taylor,

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs J. Luckman, of Bath, Alison elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Luckman, of Bath, Avon, and Cerys, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. K. Davies, of Mr and Mrs T. K. Davies, of Mr and Mrs T. K. Davies, of

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The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the Christmas dinner of the City of London Branch of the Royal Society of St George held at the Mansion House on Wednesday. Mr Brian Boreham, accompanied by Mrs Boreham, was in the chair and the other speakers were Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, the Lord Mayor, Mr Deputy Alfred Shindler and Alderman F McWil-liams. A message was received from

televised Christmas message. The baptism of Prince Henry Charles Albert David, who is Buckingham Palace. The Arch-

college chemistry student when it meets on January 29.
A Downing Street spokesman said: "Obviously Mrs Thatcher would regard it as a great honour and would be delighted to accept."
Mrs Thatcher would join the Earl of Stockton, Mr Edward Heath and Lord Wilson of Rievaulx as Prime Ministers and former Oxford undergraduates awarded honorary doctor of civil law degrees. The six godparents are Prince Andrew, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, Lady Vestey, Mrs Carolyn Bartholomew, a former flatmate of the Princess of Wales, Mr Gerald Ward, a friend of the Prince of Wales and Mr Bryan Organ, the artist.

opens with

The Royal Family begin their Unlike most important days

conduct the service.

Prince's baptism

in the royal calendar, this one is planned to be as private as possible. The public and Press will not be allowed in, although it is wid y expected that the Queen will include scenes in her now aged three months, is to be

held in St George's Chapel within the precincts of the castle, whereas other recent royal babies have been chris-tened in the Music Room at bishop of Canterbury will

Royal holiday

traditional Christmas break at Windsor Castle today with the christening of Prince Harry.

The marriage of Professor Alan Chalmers Lendrum and Dr Ann Brougham Sandison took place in St Leonard's College Chapel, St Latest wills Andrews, on December 15, 1984. The Rev H. M. Gibson officiated. Sir John Gerald Lang, of Walton-

epidemic of drug abuse.

on-the-Hill, Surrey, a former Permanent Secretary of the Admir-alty, and Principal Adviser on Sport to the Government 1964-71 and Deputy Chairman of the Sports Council 1965-71, estate valued at £163.533 net.

Council 1965-71, estate valued at £163.533 net.
Florence Louise Oates, of Sale,
Greater Manchester, left estate
valued at £102,113 net. She left all of her property equally between the Save the Children Fund, the British Friends of SOS Children's Villages, Oxfam, the RSPCA and PDSA. Other estates include (net, before

Move to Honour Mrs Thatcher

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has been recommended for an honorary degree at her old university, Oxford. The university wants to make her a doctor of civil law at its annual

degrees ceremony in June.

Congregation, the dons' parliament, will have to confirm the award to the former Somerville College chemistry student when it

Farewell to a life of Lord Howard of Henderskelfe"

drugs and smuggling By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter When Peter Cutting became It is a far cry from the a Customs officer-36 years ago Britain's drug problems were Customs service Mr Cutting joined after the last war. He cut

little more than the odd seaman his teeth dealing with smuggl-ers who traded in gold Swiss caught with a "reefer" cigarette or dance band musicians trifling with herion. watches and diamonds. In 1956 when Mr Cutting Mr Cutting retires this month as the head of Customs investigation division after seven years leading some of the became an investigator the branch contained a mere 70 staff. Today it is a full blown Customs division with 600

members and is still growing. country's leading drog investigators in combating what is now being described as an The watch smugglers have passed into criminal mythology. In their place there are VAT gold frauds running into tens of millions of pounds in Instead of louche musicians, today's addicts are teenagers in or bullion, textile down-at-heel inner city areas. "Reefer" went out of currency swindles and illegal high technology experts which may two generations ago and cannawell become one of the new bis now comes by the ton not

criminal growth industries. Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Captain J. C. K. Slater, Royal Navy, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff (Policy and Nuclear), in succession to Rear Admiral J. J. R. Oswald in June 1985.

Mr Robin Hodgson to be county chief accounts for Hampshira

chief executive for Hampshire County Council. Mr Hodgson, who is deputy chief executive and Clerk for Essex County Council, will succeed Mr Keith Robinson next

Mr Robert Atkins, MP for South Ribble, to be Parliamentary Private Secretary to Lord Young of Graffham, Minister Without Port-

Luncheon LUNCHEON
Mr F. S. Law
Mr Frank S. Law gave a luncheon
yesterday at Boodle's which was
attended by:
Mr M Benabdetsall. Baron R von Wechmar.
Mr Norman Fowler. MP. the Hon Nicholas
Riddev. MP. Mr Keuneth Baiser. MP. Mr H
H Blandford. Mr Kingman Browster. Mr R
H W Blandford. Mr Kingman Browster. Mr R
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Mr M E Firsh. Mr Mr Frye. Mr J E Cordon.
Mr G C B Dodds. Mr B de Forranti.
Mr M E Firsh. Mr W G N Mr J E Cordon.
Mr M F C Law. Mr W G N Miller. Mr P
Petrie. Sr Daniel Petit, Mr R Rogers. Mr L
de Rothschild. Mr F M Russell, Lord Sleff of
Strupton. Sr Ronnel Bwayne. Sr Peter
Thompson and Mr K A C Thorogood.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr Timothy and The Hon Mrs Steel was baptized Isabella Anne Augusta by the Rev Sandy Millar at Holy Triaity, Brompton on December 20. The godparents are The Hon Connan Maude, and Mr Alexander Russell, The Hon Mrs Johnathan Boyd (for whom Miss Clare Steel stood proxy) Mrs Ludovico del Balzo and Mrs James McMullen. Memorial service

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by the Marquess of Normanby at a memorial service for Lord Howard of Henderskelfe held yesterday at York Minster. Canon Martin Bowering officiated, assisted by Canon Michael Storts Fox. The lessons were read by the Hon

Nicholas Howard and the Hon Simon Howard (sons) and Sir Marcus Worsley gave an address. The Dean of York Minster pronounced the blessing. Among those present were:

those present were:

The Hon Henry Howard and the Hon Michael Howard serbit, Miss Christian: Howard statel, Miss Christian: Howard statel, The Hon Mrs Simon Howard total total the Hon Mrs Simon Howard total total the Marchiness of Normanny, Lord and Lady Martin Filzalan-Howard, the Hon Lady Worsley, Mr Laurence Toynbee, Dr. Jean Toynbee, Mr Laurence Toynbee, Dr. Jean Hon Mrs Christopher Phillips, the Hon Lady Schreiberg, Laurence Hon Lady Katterine Phillips, the Hon Lady Schreiberg, Mr Hon Mrs Colver Worsley, Mr and Mrs Nogel Forbee Adam, Mr A Batholl, Mr Michael Poster, Mr Mark Wilm, Mr B C R Dodsworth, Mr and Mrs Chistopher York, Colonel and Mrs W E Behrens, Major I R Kibble, Mr P Stanley, Nogel And Mrs Collegata R K Clark, Mrs Dermot Chichester, Mrs Hugh Birloy.

British junior team named

By a Bridge Correspondent

The British Bridge League has invited the following players to represent Great Britain in the junior section of the Common Market championships at Bordeaux in April. J. Hill, P. Crouch; J. Mason, J

Popplestone: M. S. Smith, J. F. Pottage; reserve pair: J. Hobson, R. Plackett, (non-playing captain) R. S. Brock.
And the first half of the league's

And the first half of the league's women's trials to determine the British team for the championships resulted in six pairs being formed into the following three teams:
Mrs R. Oldroyd and Mrs S. Penfold.
Mrs M. Robertson and Mrs S. Macdonald; Miss K. Preddy and Mrs J. Lodge, Mrs J. Preddy and Mrs S. Pike; Mrs B. Goldentield and Mrs S. Pike; Mrs B. Goldentield and Miss M. Brunner, Mrs S. Scarborough and Mrs G. Scott-Jones.

They join the seeded silver medallists in the recent Olympiad.
Mrs S. Landy, Mrs S. Horton, Mrs N. Smith and Miss P. Davies. The teams trial will be played on January 5-6 at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham.

Science report

Another key to the exploration of space

The universe has been likened to a keyboard with 50 octaves. But the musicians attempting to play it, the oners, have access to

The analogy comes from Professor Graham Smith, the Astronomer Royal and professor of the Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratories at Manchester University. He used it to explain the triumph of a research project which, in his judgement, has made another key available. The successful venture is

the infra-red astronomical satellite IRAS, which is

showing an astonishing num-

An Anglo-American-Dutch

enterprise, the telescope has

ber of new objects in the sky.

opened a new window on the universe. Moreover, the discoveries are providing signposts for ground-based astronomers to direct their optical and radio telescopes to new areas of the sky for them. Profesor Smith's 50 octaves

refer to the spectrum of radiation, ranging from radiowaves through visible light to gamma rays, which various telescopes can detect.
The IRAS telescope revealed part of the infra-red spectrum between radiowaves and vis-ible light. Infra-red radiation is difficult to detect from ground-

based observatories because it is absorbed by the atmosphere.

In addition, there are a host of

man-made sources of infra-red

radiation to cause interference. Even in space the IRAS telescope has a detector cooled with liquid belium to a temperature just 2.4° above absolute zero (minus 273.15°C) to avoid interference from other satellites and

spacecraft. Yet that part of the infra-red spectrum is of vital importance in detecting cool objects. In a graphic explanation, Professor Smith says: "It is the sort of radiation that an astronor outside the solar system would have to detect if he was to locate a planet called Earth".

He was outlining the way astronomers on Earth are exploiting the information relayed from IRAS to search

for evidence of other planetary

systems. Using a new infra-red map of the sky charted from the observations of IRAS, one of the world's large telescopes of the Southern Hemisphere was turned on a star known as Beta Pictoris.

Infra-red observations suggested that it was associated with some cool material. Astronomers from the United States using the instrument, a 100in diameter telescope at the Las Campanas Observatory in the Andes mountains in Chile, obtained pictures of planetary-like material extending more than 50 billion miles from Beta Pictoris. That material is helieved to be a possible new solar system in the early stages of formation, 50 lightvears from Earth.

After further service as a correspondent in the Middle East and the Balkans before the

war, he enlisted in the army in 1939 and saw service with the 8th King's Royal Hussars in the Western Desert before volunteering for special operations. He was parachuted into Yugoslavia and Albania and later. transferring to the Far East theatre, operated behind Japanese lines. For these services he was mentioned in despatches and received the Legion of Honour and the Croix de

OBITUARY

had been a junior minister in

Nostell Priory in Yorkshire and

its great art collection; and as a

Rowland Denys Guy Winn

was born on September 19,

1916, the son of the 3rd Baron

St Oswald. He was educated at

Stowe and then at the Univer-

sities of Bonn and Freiburg. From 1935 he was the Reuter

correspondent in Spain and in

the following year became war

correspondent for The Daily Telegraph, covering the Spanish Civil War. During the conflict

he was arrested by the Republicans in Madrid, condemned to

death and spent several weeks

awaiting execution in prison in

Barcelona before his release could be arranged from Lon-

colourful and gregarious charac-

LORD ST OSWALD

Former junior minister and MEP

Lord St Oswald, MC, DL, being awarded the MC as well who died at his Mayfair home as being decorated by the

and was a former member of after contesting, without suctive European Parliament. But cess, Dearne Valley for the he will be as much remembered Conservatives in 1955 he was

for his eventful life as a soldier adopted as candidate for Pud-

and war correspondent whose experi- ences stretched from the Spanish Civil War to the

of 1979.

Korean War; as the owner of to the Barony of St Oswald.

On returning from Korea he

From 1959 to 1962 he was a

Lord in Waiting in the Macmil-lan administration and from

1962 to 1964 Joint Parliamen-

tary Secretary to the Minister of

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A committed European he

became a member of the first

European Parliament in 1973

but contested West Yorkshire

unsuccessfully for the Conserva-

tives in the European elections

Though a great traveller and much at home wherever he found himself during his adventures abroad, St Oswald re-

mained at heart a Yorkshire

man deeply devoted to Nostell Priory and its wonderful pos-

Priory and its wonderful pos-sessions and grounds. Though the house had passed to the National Trust in 1953 he retained ownership of its mag-nificent art treasures which included more than 400 pic-

tures including characteristic works by Holbein Bruegel

Gainsborough, Rembrandt and Richard Wilson.

decided to enter politics and

on December 19 at the age of 68 Belgians and the French.

Guerre from France. From 1946 to 1950 he lived in Spain at Algeciras, his love for that country in no way affected by his narrow escape from the attentions of the Spanish authorities a few years before. He even became a keen amateur bull fighter to the dismay of some of his staider English friends.

When the Korean war broke out he donned uniform again and served with his old. The heir is his brother, regiment in some of the Captain the Hon Derek Edward toughest fighting of that war. Anthony Winn.

MR JOHN WILMERS, QC

the leading advocates at the English Bar, with a formidable gift for cross-examination. Born in Munich on Decemcountry at the age of 15, without any English. He attended Leighton Park School, and the Quaker principles which he encountered there were an influence on him for the whole of his adult life, though he was

never himself a practising Quaker. reading Law at St John's College, Cambridge, he served in the Commandos, was dropped into occupied France by parachute and, after accom-plishing his mission, returned by small boat. He later served in the SAS; and was parachuted into northern Italy to join the Partisans. He was called to the

ber 27, 1920, he arived in this against Times Newspapers Etd

from Hong Kong and the Near ever himself a practising
Quaker.

He had, in fact, a most active
hilitary career during the

Hampshire Quarter Sessions.
From 1972 he was a Recorder,
as well as a Bencher of the Inner
Temple, and from 1978 he was

> as a Governor of Leighton Park A modest and private man, he applied the same unspaning energy to his recreations,

Dr Frank Wild who died on mittees for the university's December 19 at the age of 68 assistant staff. was, as Secretary of the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, from 1972 to 1983, influential in the with other GCE Boards it faced field of school examinations in a period of crisis and uncer-

from 1950 to 1965 he was a tireless campaigner on behalf of the College; he always told his colleagues that a college could never afford to rest on its laurels, and his drive and enthusiasm had much to do with Downing's enhanced

It was a sad blow to the College when he resigned his Fellowship in 1975, feeling impelled to transfer his al-legiance and administrative talents to the Roman Cathole St Edmund's House.

Although for many years a member of the Council of the Senate and other University bodies. Wild made his mark after his appointment as Desuty Registrary in 1966. With his characteristic energy, in spite of chronic asthma, he introduced the "job evaluation" of the whole of the University's assistant staff – a massive and controversial exercise, in a new climate of trade union partici-pation in the negotiaging com-

The Rt Rev Nigel Edmand
Cornwall, CBE, who died on
December 19 at the see of 81,
was Bishop of Believ from
1949 to 1962, and lear assistant
Bishop in the Ediocese of
Winchester from 1963 to 1973.

Brigadier Michael Preston
Douglas Dewar, CB, CBE, who
died on December 14 at the age
of 78, was UK national military
representative at Nato's
Supreme Allied Headquarters
from 1955 to 1958. Winchester from 1963 to 1973.

Besides his ownership of a great collection Lord St Oswald was also an energetic supporter of the arts and had in particular been an active patron of the London International Festival

of Theatre. He was made a deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire in 1962 and was Hon Colonel of 150 (Northumbrian) Regiment, Roya Corps of Transport from 1967. He was twice married, firstly

in 1952 to Laurian, daughter of

Sir Roderick Jones KBE. This

marriage was dissolved in 1955, in which year he married Wanda a daughter of Sigismund Jaxa-Chamiec of Poland. She died in 1981. The heir is his brother.

Mr John Wilmers, QC, who ability to cross-examine, his died in London on December strength lay in meticulous and

17 at the age of 63, was one of accurate preparation, backed by clearness of judgement. He often appeared in cases ... concerning the Press - acting, for instance, both for and - and represented the BBC. actors and other show business figures, as well as businessmen

He took silk in 1965, and served as a deputy chairman of military career during the Second World War. After of Jersey and Guernsey. He himself perhaps attached even more importance to his position

School. skiing, travel, listening to music, gardening - as he did to Bar by the Inner Temple in 1948, and over the years built up a reputation in Libel and Contract, and in the complex litigation which straddles the litigation which straddles the close. She survives him, leastly and married in 1946, was very close. She survives him, leastly and the litigation which straddles the border of Common Law and together with one son and two

Chancery. Apart from his daughters. DR FRANK WILD

Wild's appointment as sec-

retary of the "Syndicate" in field of school examinations in the United Kingdom and many countries throughout the world. Wild was born on May 19, 1916 and educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Blackburn. He went to Downing College in 1935, graduating in Natural Science in 1938 before proceeding to his doctorate in 1940.

He became a Fellow and the Department of Education and Science for the amalgamation of the GCE O ate in 1940.

He became a Fellow and Tutor at Downing in 1945.

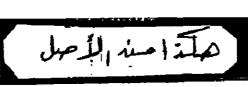
As Senior Tutor at Downing from 1950 to 1965 he was a

in such a complex educational and political aftena, however, he was unwilling to compromise and his vehement administrative style led to controversy with the Oxford Delegacy, to the mutual dis-advantage of both Boards, in the government's subsequent reorganisation of the GCE and CSE Boards into the present regional system.

Throughout this period he

had also to manage the Syndi-cate's world-wide examinations (over half-a-million candidates annually) while maintaining the goodwill of governments in Malaysia, Singapore, the Carib-bean and many African states as these countries gradually took over full control of their own examinations - generally fol-lowing the Cambridge pattern. Wild's publications included his Characterisation of organic compounds (1947), which was a

leader in its field.



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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

McMahon is reappointed Bank deputy-governor

On the day when Budget Day was declared - it is March 19 - Downing Street removed any uncertainty about the future of the deputy-governor of the Bank of England, Christopher (Kit) McMahon. The Queen has approved his reappointment for five years from March I next. Two executive directors, Anthony David Loehnis, 48, and David Walker, 44, have been reappointed for four years from the

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Sir Robert Clark (Hill Samuel) and Sir David Steel, who was chairman of BP, are leaving at the end of February. Their places will be taken by Brian Corby. 55, chief executive of the Prudential Corporation. and Robert Haslam, 61, whose career since ICI has taken him into the chairs of Tate & Lyle and British Steel Both are interesting as well as deserved

The deputy-governor's future has been a subject of mounting speculation since the Johnson Matthey debacle, which demonstrated that the Bank of England's supervision of the banking system was not as good as outsiders thought and the Government felt it had the right to expect. Two of the headline consequences were the nationalisation of Johnson Matthey-Bankers and, this week, the initiation of a Treasury-Bank of England examination of the banking supervision system. Though this is governed by the Banking Act 1979 it relies heavily on the Bank's knowledge, experience and touch.

With political and Treasury fingers pointing sharply at Mr McMahon, his reappointment by Mrs Thatcher began to be questioned, though not, it should be said, within the Bank. His character and contribution are highly valued, not least the Governor, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, who did much to dissuade him from leaving the Bank for another career in the wake of the Governor's own surprise appointment.

The issue has now been laid to rest, not a moment too soon. While professional differences between Treasury and Bank may be healthy, any impression of disharmony and distrust immediately sets up bad vibrations in the City and abroad where links between Government and central bank are under constant critical scrutiny. With the three executive reappointments, the Bank's team for the next few crucial years is firmly in position.

Speculation about the content of the Budget can now begin in earnest. There have already been plenty of statements. hints and indications of attitude to feed it, with income tax cuts at the lower end, VAT on a greater range of goods and the treatment of personal pensions well to the

The Bank of England, in its latest Quarterly Bulletin hoisted the frame. On basis of £132 billion of planned government expenditure. 8 per cent growth in Gross Domestic Product, the revenue projections in the Autumn Statement and a targetted Public Sector Borrowing Requirement in 1985 - 86 of £7 billion, the scope for tax cuts (the "fiscal adjustment") is £11/2 billion.

Doubts behind Distillers cheer

Distillers, the Scotch whisky and gin group, yesterday produced a set of interim results that not unreasonably promped a few pre-Christmas toasts. In the half year to the end of September, pre-tax profits rose 19 per cent from £67.9 million to £80.5 million and better improvement is probable in the traditionally stronger second half.

Yet the fact remains that there is not 100 much for DCL to boast about yet. Around £8 million of the increase in profits is attributable to the strong dollar in which it invoices exports to the US of whiskies bottled in Scotland and Tanqueray gin. Another £1 million, bet of financing cost, came from Somerset Importers, the US liquor dostributor acquired in May.

The second half contribution from Somerset might be in the order of £10 million after financing costs and with the benefits of production rationalization, cspecially at the 50 per cent owned United Glass, full-year profits might reach £230, million against £191.6 million. That forecast is based on the dollar-pound exchange rate remaining around its present level.

Below the line, the increase in earnings will be trimmed to a minimum by a strongly rising tax charge. With big stocks of maturing Scotch, all whisky companies have been hit hard by the abolition of stock relief. ...

The market for Scotch worldwide is showing little signs of improving. With a further weakening of demand for whisky Britain, Venezuela, Japan and the Middle East in the last few months, DCL thinks it almost certain that volume sales will be down in 1984-85. A cloud also hangs over 1985-86 when a big rise in American Federal Excise Duty (the first anyone can remember) is bound to hit

DCL is a conservative company but the decision to leave the interim dividend unchanged at 4.5p had a chilling effect on the stock market. The shares fell 9p to 298p, where the prospective p-e is 8.4 and the yield 6.5 per cent.

Opportunities for profitable growth in world markets for whisky are rapidly disappearing. DCL knows it better than anyone and it is therefore devoting much time and effort to the search for acquisitions that will broaden its range of branded consumer drinks and other products. But lacking recent experience in corporate deal-making, DCL will have to tread warily. It can sell whisky and gin but whether it can sell other things as successfully is a question.

Marriage partners on the move

The City's financial revolution is putting such pressure on the recent merchant banking and broking marriages that some of the partners are looking for new homes. S G Warburg is back in the property market having been in residence at Land Securities' 131,000 sq ft King William Street House next to London Bridge for a mere six months.

If Warburg's tie-up with Rowe and Pitman and Mullens, the stockbrokers, and jobbers Akroyd and Smithers, leads to a move, it would not be welcome news for Land Securities which has an estimated £4 million rent roll from King William Street House. Where could Warburg move if it does? High on the list of possibilities is Liverpool Street on the eastern edge of the City. The merchant bank has considered the one million sq fl of offices planned as part of the station's redevelopment by Rosehaugh and Stanhope Securities, as have others. It has also looked at the St Martins Property Corporation's London Bridge City scheme with almost a million sq ft of space south of the river.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Department of Health nd Social Security is to instal 600 microcomputers into 453 cal offices next year to help cial security staff assess syments for the four million cipients of supplementary :pefit.

The department said yesterty that Telecom had won the intract to supply the com-iters which will be installed er a 10-month period starting the summer. The computers will guide

iff through each claimants sessment and calculate the ms due helping staff provide more efficient service, the partment said. The comners are being supplied by the itish Logica with ancillary uipment from European

FRAMLINGTON GROUP has ade application for the whole and share cap, to be admitted to e official fist. Since the original using in May, 1983, funds under inagement have risen from £153.1 llion to £250.5 million, the more of unitholdings from 35.400 62,000 and the number of funds on nine to 12.

I'wo new subs, have been formed, nt Trust Software and Framling-t Life Insurance. The first is eady trading successfully and the and is planned to start operom in January.

ROYEN PROPOSED MER-ER WITH PEZAMERICA: pronto-hased Royen Gold Mining orporation topes to increase its archoldings in International arona Resources, the Hemio Gold ump pioneer in Omario, Capada, a result of a merger proposed with ancouver-based Peramerica Reurces Corporation.

Rover and Pezamerica have red "upon a business combi-tion of the two companies". The ntinuing company will be Royek old Mining Corporation.

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Minorco lifts Charter holding

By Michael Prest

Minorco, the Bermuda holding company controlled by the South African mining giant Anglo-American, has raised its stake in Charter Consolidated from 35.7 per cent to 36 per cent. The bigger holding underlines the commitment of the Anglo group to Charter the minins and industrial finance company, which has been battered by recent losses at Johnson Matthey and Cape Industries, two of its prime

Charter has cut its stake in Minorco from 7.9 per cerut to 3.7 per cent. It said it intended

STOCK MARKETS

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to retain the residual holding in

But in the market, where Charter gained 3p yesterday to 186p, the bigger Minorco holding was seen as an aftir-mation that the Anglo group would not abandon its offspring. The question now is the independence which Charter enjoys in mapping its stategy.

DALGETY: Agreement has been reached between Dalgery UK and Anglo-Irish Beef Packers Group for Anglo-Irish to acquire as a going concern all the remaining fresh men interests of Dalgety in Britain, Included in the purchase are the participant of Bilistensh Millistensh abattoirs at Blisworth, Wellingbo-third quarter.

*MARKET SUMMARY

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INTEREST RATES London .110p -14p Bank Base: 9%-9%% 3-month interbank 911/4-913/1/4 3-month eigible bills 91/2-91/1/4 .. 12p – 1p

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Wage rises biggest threat to fragile economy, says Bank

By David Smith

Economics Correspondent The economic recovery in Britain is delicately poised, the Bank of England says in its December Quarterly Bulletin, published today.

Cost pressures particularly those associated with high wage growth and increased import prices, are the main risks to the conomy.

The Organization for Econ-

omic Cooperation and Development, in its twice-yearly Econ-omic Outlook, also published today, agrees with the Bank's ment that an acceleration in pay rises is the main threat to the British economy. The Parisbased OECD also says that a prolonged coal strike would have "serious consequences" for the economy.

The Bank of England main-

tains that domestic monetary conditions are still satisfactory, in spite of the 2.7 per cent rise in the sterling M3 measure of money supply in the November hanking month, and an upturn in bank lending since August. The pound's weakness, which

sulted in new trading lows of \$1.1630, and 72.7 for the sterling index, and closing levels of \$1.1663 and 73.0 yesterday, from the Treasury's, probably 2

Two London stockbrokers

esterday announced further

inks as part of the reshaping of

City firms. A 29.9 per cent stake in Williams de Broe Hill

Chaplin will be acquired by

Banque Bruxelles Lambert and

a 5 per cent interest is being

acquired in Scott Goff Layton

Smith Brothers, one of

ondon's big five stockjobbing

Smith Brothers, already linked with NM Rothschild wants to take full control of Scott Goff as soon as

rules permit. However, Banque

Bruxelles will only take a maximum of two thirds of

Williams de Broe. Mr Peter Clarke, joint senior

partner of Williams de Broc,

said the deal had been struc-

tured 'to : provide continued incentives for the 33 partners all

GDP up

0.5% in

quarter

By Our Economics

Correspondent

The economy grew by 0.5 pcs

cent in the third quarter,

according to new estimates of

gross domestic product, based

GROWTH, MAJOR ECONOMIES Real GNP 1953 1984 1985 1986

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OECD Economic Outlook, December 1984. Source: OECD Economic Outlook, December 1984. is attributed to oil price weakness and the uncertainties associated with the coal dispute.

The Bank's economists dismiss the argument that sterling is falling because monetary policy is too loose.
The Bank expects a dollar fall next year, and refers in the bulletin to outside forecasts of a 5 to 10 per cent decline in the dollar's value in 1985. However, higher import costs associ-ated with sterling's drop during 1984 are seen as one of the

threats to the British economy next year. The Bank's assessment of underlying growth prospects for next year is not too different

Further links for City brokers

By Philip Robinson

firm. There will be an incentive

scheme for the "marzipan set"

those executives ranked beneath

partners, who so far have gained

little from deals which realign

William de Broe said that it

held talks with about five companies, all but one were

only interested in owning the

stockbroking firm outright.
For Banque Bruxelles, Willi-

mas de Broe, which ranks

eleventh among gilts brokers,

about fifteenth in equities and

third in gold mining shares, will give it a London springboard

from which to tackle America.

If rules allow, Banque Bru-

celles Lambert will increase its

stake to 51 per cent with

Ranque Bruxelles Lambert

City firms.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, BRITAIN % change 1953 1984 1985 1986

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per cent against 25 per cent. but the Bank places greater emphasis on the risks to growth and

flation. Productivity growth has slowed the Bank says, while carnings have continued to rise at a rapid rate.

Britain's inflation rate is stable at 4.5 per cent to 5 per States economy, and the cent, whereas the average for dangers associated with the other leading countries is continuing to fall. Lower interest rates, which

would provide a boost to spending. private Sector together with the containment of cost pressures, are seen by the Bank as essential ingredients for

BBL taking a 10 per cent.

Neither side were prepared to

disclose the price of the deal last night. Meanwhile, Smith

Brothers has agreed a cash shares package for Scott Goff. The partners will be able to

elect to take payment through

either 3.25 million Smith shares

or £1.95 million cash over a

five-year period.
Scott Goff has 24 partners and 148 staff. It is considered an

institutional broker offering high-quality research in main

Almost a year ago N M Rothschild took a 29.9 per cent stake in Smith Brothers. This is

the first deal since and is

Banque Bruxelles, Lambert

does not propose any further

and confidentiality of customer

information is safeguarded and

I am looking for guarantees from Telecom that will ensure

He added: "I have consulted

with a number of organizations

that represent consumer and

industry interests about the

content. This consultative pro-

cess has indicated that the draft

has a number of deficiencies

and my staff are working to

improve it so that it makes

Telecom's employees fully

aware of the company's re-sponsibilities."

• Telecom is to invest £20

million in automatic equipment

for speedy telephone fault

detection and repair. The

equipment will affect about 10

million telephone subscribers.

In March the equipment will be

Telecom's 360 repair centres for

unlikely to be the last.

equity sectors.

wards its forecasts for world economic growth in 1985 and 1986. It expects domestic demand in the seven leading economies to grow by 3.4 per cent in 1985 and 2.5 per cent in

World trade should also grow by 4.9 per cent in 1985 and 4.1 per cent in 1986, while British export markets are forecast to expand by 3.9 per cent next year and 3.8 per cent in 1986.

The OECD is also optimistic about world prospects, saying in its economic outlook that: "The overall prospects for output and inflation now appear as good as. or better then, at any time since the watershed year of 1973."

The main shadows are rising unemployment in most OECD economies, apart from the United States and Japan: doubts over the sustainability of the recovery in the United large current account and federal deficits; and the inter-

national debt situation. For Britain, the OECD sees economic growth of 3 per cent next year (1 per cent of which is due to the rebound from the miners' strike), and an inflation rate of 5.25 per cent.

Opposition

to Opec

price plan

From David Young

Geneva

The Organization of Pet-

roleum Exporing Countries (Opec) is likely to formally

adopt a new price structure today. This would leave its

price unchanged at \$29 a barrel

but increase the heavier grades

of crude oil. now in greater

very light grades which compare most directly with North Sea Oil will be cut by 15 cents and a new type of Saudi

Arabian crude adopted as the

The new struture is likely to

be adopted in the wake of a

sometimes stormy session of the 13 Opec oil ministers last

night with light crude producers

leading the opposition to the new formula. The United Arab Emirates, Iran, Iraq. Nigeria, Libya and Algeria have argued

that their incomes will be

affected as they depend almost

that its fragile unity will be

reinforced and is now investi-

gating ways of making its

A full-time committee to

police members' output and

price structures and a summit

meeting of all the Opec heads of

state to make agreements

Members who admitted

breaking their quotas set in

October this year and selling crude on the world spot markets

at below the official Opec rate

limited to 16 million barrels a

day, an agreement readopted yesterday. Saudi Arabia bears

the brunt of the cut and has the

authority to increase deliveries

to meet any upturn in the market from its present 3.6

million barrels a day to 5

Most member countries

have, however, been selling oil

above their quota limit

Opec output is now formally

were severely reprimanded.

binding have been suggested.

agreements more enforceable.

entirely on light crudes.

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demand, by 50 cents.

CE Heath expands

C E Heath, the Lloyd's insurance broker, is buying Astral Computer Services for £554,000.

Astral will join forces with Heath's subsidiary Datasure, which supplies computer services to the insurance mar-ket. Astral will also be launching an important on-line service to underwriters in the new year. The existing management team at Astral will be retained by the

The offer is £2 a share to be satisfied by the issue of Heath shares. There is a cash alternative for those not wishing to take Heath shares. Heath shares closed down 3p

£51m purchase

English China Clays announced the purchase vesterday for £51 million of the private concrete products group Edwin Bradley Holdings. ECC also revealed full-year profits for the trading full-year profits for the trading full-year profits for the trading period up to September 30 of £63.7 million (£46.5 million). Turnover was £604 million (£490 million). The dividend goes up from 8.75p to 9.6p, after a planned final <u>o</u>f 6p. Tempus, page 19

GrandMet up

Grand Metropolitan is to pay a final dividend of 5.5p, making a total of 9.2p (8.02p) for the year to September 30. Pretay profits of £334.3 million compare with \$205. £295 million last year, while sales advanced from £4.5 billion to £5.1 billion. Interest payable fell from £112 million to £109.6 million. Tempus, page 19

End of pursuit

John Waddington has dropped its pursuit of the ultimate ownership of Mr Robert Maxwell's Pergamon Press Ltd., Pergamon Press Inc., and British Printing and Communication Corporation. Wadding-ton is now satisfied that Mr Maxwell's entire 2,040.000 shares (23.3 per cent) stake has now been sold. Waddington shares last night gained 15p to

BET rise

British Electric Traction, the services and industrial holdings group, has increased pretay profits for the half-year to September 30 to £37.2 million, up from £31.8 million. Turnover dropped from £522.2 million to £452.5 million following disposals during the period. The interim dividend is lifted to 2.75p against 2.25p.

NCB inquiry

The national Coal Board has appointed a team of four leading accountants to assist it in an investigation of its accounting practices and tech-niques which are criticized by five accountancy academics in an article to be published in the Accountancy magazine next week. The NCB team will include Sir Douglas Morpeth of accountants Touche Ross and Professor David Tweedie from Thomson McLintock the con board's auditors.

Bank optimism

Sir Michael Herries, chairman Group, says in the annual report: We are confident that we shall continue to build or the sound foundations for the future established by our tw

Switzerland taking 5 per cent and the Paris-based Banque Telecom dispute over customer safeguards

of whom intend to stay with the Louis Dreyfus, half owned by

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

equipment supplier.

Professor Carsberg said: "I Telecom's 360 repair centres controlling its repair service.

British Telecom is heading am concerned that the privacy for a dispute with the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel) over Telecom's failure to produce an acceptable code of practice to safeguard customer

Telecom met the conditions

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confidentiality.
Professor Bryan Carsberg,
Director General of Oftel said on output data, released yester-The output measure of gross vesterday: "Should it not prove domestic product (gdp) was up 1.3 per cent on the third quarter of 1983. It is generally regarded possible to reach agreement I shall have to consider the use of my powers to obtain a set of as the best indicator of shortterm movements in the econadequate safeguards and at the last resort, seeking an amendment of the licence.

omy although this year it is distorted by the effects of the coal strike. of its licence by submitting a draft to Oftel by November 5, The coal strike government statisticians say, has reduced gdp by up to 1.5 per cent, so the but according to Oftel it has proved inadequate. Oftel want underlying rise in output is 2.5 per cent - 3 per cent compared to ensure that information obtained by Telecom, while providing telephone services

with a year carlier. The output figure has been revised upwards from an earlier estimate which showed 0.2 per cent growth between the second and third quarters, because of new information which shows

industrial production more There are three measures of

gdp. The other two, based on income and spending measures, showed a mixed picture. The spending measure fell by

0.4 per cent between the second and third quarters, and was 0.1 per cent down on the corresponding period of 1983. This was due mainly to a sharp deterioration in the trade balance, an increase in net

imports
The income measure of gdp rose by 0.7 per cent in the third quarter, to stand 3.0 per cent up on a year carlier.

The average gdp measure was 0.3 per cent up in the third quarter, and 1.4 per cent higher than a year earlier. The figures confirm that the coal strike is having a big impact on published growth figures, reducing year-on-year growth to about half of its underlying rate in the

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million.

RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1984

•	£'000	£'000
TURNOVER	604,162	490,249
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	63,768	46,473
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	36,690	27,931
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM (CREDIT)	12,979	
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE - INTERIM - RECOMMENDED FINAL	3.60p 6.00p	3.25p 5.50p
EARNINGS PER SHARE	22.63p	17.23p
DIVIDEND COVER (TIMES)	2.4	2.0

Trading generally more buoyant. Group profits up 37%.

Cash flow finances growth. Prospects good current year starts well.

Clays

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 69th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Hyde Pati Hotel, Knightsbridge, London SW1 on Thursday, 21st February 1986 at 12.30 p Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts including the Chairman's Statement be obtained after 24th January 1985 upon application to the Company Secretar; John Kesy House, St. Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4DJ.

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BANKERS' INVESTMENT ● BANKERS' INVESTMENT TRUST: Year to Oct. 31. Div 1.08p, making 2.28p (2.08p adj). The board intends to increase each of the three interim dividends payable in May, August and November 1985 to 0.5p per share (0.40p) and to pay a fourth interim div of not less than 0.95p per share in Feb, 1986. Figs in £000. Total revenue 3,848 (3,098). Expenses and interest payable 1.054 (426). Tax 946 (932). Eps 2.32p (2.18p adj). (2.18p adj). ● BRITISH PETROLEUM-

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SELTRUST: The Western Aus-SELTRUST: The Western Austrian Supreme Court has ordered meetings of the shareholders of Seltrust Holdings to consider the proposed scheme of arrangement. The meetings will be held in Perth on Jan 22. Under the proposed scheme a newly formed co, Paragon Resources, will hold seventy-five per cent of the Temora Gold Prospect, a number of other gold exploration tenements and will have about ASSm in cash.

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SHEAPBANK PROPERTY
TRUST: Six months to Sept 30. No
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(115,220). Pretax profit 315 (6.754).
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having been completed in Feb.
1984, the first half of the curent year
has been devoted to integrating the
companies and reorganizing and
rationalizing the management of the
group, the prop portfolio and the
group's funding.

 WEBSTERS GROUP: Octopus has received acceptances under the offer made for Websters in respect of a total of 10.76 million ordinary shares in Websters, representing 68.34 per cent of the issued share cap. When added to the 785,833 (4.99 per cent) Websters shares which Octopus owned prior to the announcement of the officer and the Websters shares acquired, these shares represent 88.31 per cent of the issued share capt. of Websters.
 PHILIP HARRIS: Int div 30 PHILIP HARRIS: Int div 3p (2p) for half year to Sept 30. The disparity between the interim and final div has progressively increased in recent years and the directors consider it appropriate to correct this in part. Figs in £000. Turpover 13,045 (11,980). Pretax profit 292 (258)

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HOLLIS BROS ESA has agreed to purchase, subject to shareholders' consent. Diomede, wholly-owned by A H McIntosh and Co (in receivership). The company now owns the trade and goodwill of McIntosh. McIntosh, manufacturers and mar-keters of domestic and contract furniture of Scotland and intends in due course to change its name to A H Melntosh and Co. Hollis has also contracted to purchase the freehold factory premises on an 11:16 acre site in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, where the company carries on its trade. The aggregate amount which Hollis will require to pay to the vendors of the company is £1 million.

• VOYAGER PETROLEUMS UK): The directors of BP Petroleum and Voyager have agreed on
the terms of a recommended offer to
be made by BP for Voyager, on the
basis of 55p in cash for every
ordinary share of 10p each. The
offer puts a value on Voyager of £5.5
million. ● CHEMRING: Div 10p (7.6p) for year to September 30. Figs in £000. Sales 7.631.5 (6,130.4). Pretax profit 1,452.4 (1,302.5). The board

order book, management team and an increasing demand, Chemring is set for another good year.

● CHRISTY BROS: Agreement has been reached with R Hunt and has been reached with R Hunt and Co, conditional on the approval of Christy and Hunt shareholders for the acquisition of Hunt's engineering business, including its freehold factory at Earls Colne, Essex, for the 2455,600 to be satisfied by the 24 allotment to Hunt of 1.5 million and new ordinary shares in Christy and 2 cach payment of £20,600 on a cash payment of £20,600 on completion. Agreement has also been reached with B and Q (Retail) for the sale of Christy's freehold factory premises at Chelmsford, Essex, for £953,000 net of selling expresses.

 VICTORIA CARPET HOLD-INGS: Half-year to September 30. No interim div. (nil). Figs in £000: T/over 13,278 (10,784). Operating profit, before tax, 361 (150). Prospects for the remainder of the year continue to be uncertain although the company believes profits should be higher than last year, which would enable it to

Minet Holdings, the in-surance broker and underwrites, reported a £1.6 million increase in pretax profits at the laine month stage, to September 30, all to £17.6 million but the figure was affected by several factors.

Reserving against irrecoverable and debts cost £2.2 million, con-

debts cost £2.2 million, contributing six per cent to an overall 24.7 per cent expenses growth.

Increased costs, as well as poorer performance, produced a reductionin profits of £906,000 from the company's Richard Becket Underwriting Agency.

There is also a contingent liability, related to the £CW underwriting agency. of £1 underwriting agency, of £1 million. But profits have beautified by about £1.6 million from currency changes. Thursday rose £10 million to £57.2 million.

recommend an increased divident pripayment for the year.

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Oil shares under pressure as index falls 12 points

By Pam Spooner and Cliff Feltham

Sterling wiped the Christmas impressario Jarvis Astaire, Lichtenstein foundation, Friski, compared with a profit the heer from stock market prices esterday. The FT 30 share Soints as it slipped back from 's peak to 930.3, and the icture was much the same ticture was much the same leading to the warning of BPC, says the Stock Exchange is tross a wide selection of "substantial" losses for 1984 satisfied there is no tie-up although no accounts have yet between Tacitus and Friski. "I osed 13.4 points lower at been nublished." osed 13.4 points lower at been published.

The pound hit an all-time low gainst the American currencyurily because of the extreme cassettes to outlets such as rength of the dollar but mostly ecause of oil price worries. erling lost ground against ost leading currencies.

MARKETS AND CO

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The news was enough to ing early hangovers to City

WS International, the reinsunce broker which came to the arket in July. must plcase its areholders. Following halfar figures this month -owing quadrupled profits of 191,000 - buyers have chased shares, and pushed the price 465 more than double the 4p placing price Jobbes say ere is very little stock around. ere is very little stock around. USM viewdata equipment shough it or widely held; the group Zyullyz ("zillicks") sent cock Exchange accepted a acing of just 20 per cent of the inpany, instead of the usual per cent, because of this.

vestors, and the happy pre-pristmas mood which had evailed earlier this week soon

Profits news from Distillers d Grand Metropolitan did thing to relieve the gloom, d the leading shares price pped lower throughout the

Oil shares took the brant of troleum falling 11p to 470p, terprise Oil down 2p at 176p, smo 7p off at 313p and Shell p lower at 63 lp.

Prices were also damaged on gilts nitches, with as much £ 1/2 taken off Government cks at one stage. But business nains slack for the gilts ilers, and prices later pulled k some of the losses to close Dut E 1/4 down

Among second line equities es were generally lower. lough items of good news ped lift certain stocks. ntervision Video, originally

ke up by entertainment stake, and the balance by a half time stage of £837,000

managed a Ip improvement at IIp. During the day a handful of sullen shareholders heard at the annual meeting of the in as managing director after "dramatic" slump in video sales earlier spells with Bowater and

great hopes to the tie-up with CBS/Fox Video leasing garages, confectionery shops, and off-licences.

According to the chairman there are now meanly 1,000 such outlets paying £1 a week per cassette to Intervision - with benefits - as yet unspecified -

due to flow during 1985. But some shareholders at the meeting appeared somewhat unconvinced of the new direction, unhappy at the decline in fortunes of the USM company where the shares have fallen from a peak of 60p. Sweeping boardroom changes

the share tumbling 8p to 15p. They were launched early this year at 50m Out goes managing director

Mr imre Lake and directors Mr John Barton and Mr Peter Kirby because of differences over management philosphy."
Mr Barton and Mr Kirby are however carrying on with the company. But the shake-up heralds big changes in share

Stockbrokers are taking a gloomy view of profit prospects at Bahcock International as the : knock down, with British miners' strike drags on Forecasis for full-year earnings are share price fell 5p to 148p. Some analysis now expect to see no improvement on 1983 profits of £34.1 million, while others hope the successful US businesses can take the strain of United Kingdom coal industry troubles and look for around £36 million

being picked up by Tacitus, up by John Bentley and run which represents an educational to June as part of a board trust, to give it a 29.9 per cent

which will hold 26.3 per cent. Mr Jim O'Hara, one of the Tacitus consultants who steps don't know who they are," he But Mr Astaire was attaching says. He says there is no question of compensation to the

departing directors. Process Systems, the US supplier of computer equip-ment, made a quiet debut on the London market and closed at its launch price of 92p after staying within a narrow band during the session. A total of

Despite the apparent rash of takeover activity by BAT Indus tries, stockbrokers are still looking for more share price growth for the tobacco-tofinancial services group. Wood, Mackenzie reckons BAT will make profits of £1,225 million this year and £1,320 million next, and adds that, although short-term scope is limited, "We remain strong strategic buyers of the shares for continued long-term re-rating". Yesterday the share price held at 353p.

29.9 per cent of the company was offered for sale.

Dealings also got underway in Kingsley and Forester the Manchester textile group which came to the market through a reverse takeover of K. and O. Boardman. Placed at 62p, the shares reached 671/2p before closing for a 4p gain at 66p.

Polly Peck was chased 8p higher at 222p ahead of publication today of the report and accounts. Profits have just jumped from £30 million to more than £50 million but still fell short of some City expec-tations. Chairman Mr Asil Nadir's review of his fruit to packaging and television empire s expected to cast an encouraging light on prospects in the present year and progress in of ±42.5 million.

Mr Lake is selling his entire shareholding and Mr Barton a large chunk of his which

Maurice James Industries, the waste disposal to property group, fell 4p to 11p after unveiling a pretax loss at the

same time before of £501,000. The interim dividend is passed. Cleaning group Brengreen fell 2½p to 57½p following disclos-ure that Michael Ashcroft's

Hawley Group had cut its shareholding to 11.8 per cent a little over a week after announcing it held a 14.9 per cent stake. At that time Mr David Evans, the head of Brengreen, welcomed his new shareholder and suggested that "at the right price Evans and Ashcroft would make a formidable team in the cleaning business."

Last night there was no one available at Hawley to say whether reducing its holding ruled out any possibility of a get together between the two groups.

Ivory & Sime, the Edinburghbased unit trust and investment fund manager, has reached a new share price peak of 92p, up 6p yesterday. Apart from satisfaction with last month's interim figures, the market is also looking at chances of a takeover bid for the company.

Britannia Arrow got some of the same treatment, the shares iumping 8p to 84p on hopes that a deal has finally been done at the United Kingdom Provi-dent Institution. UKPI has 22.75 per cent of Britannia and has long been rumoured to be in the process of selling the stake to a potential bidder. London & Manchester Assurance also has an 8.5 per cent holding in the unit trust group.

Bestobell, the electornics and components maker, stays on the list of stock market bid hopefuls. The shares rose another 14p to 323p as speculative demand continues. Mr John Dowling, who was in charge at Henlys, the garage group, until the successful bid from Hawley Group and British Car Auctions, has moved into the chief exemplifies a common probexecutive position at Bestobell.

TEMPUS

Plagued GrandMet drops 25p

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According to the market it was hard to find anything attractive at all to say about Grand Metropolitan's full-year figures yesterday. Against original estimates of £370 million, the group struggled to generate £334 million, up just 13 per cent on the previous year. The shares fell 25p to 303p, thereby endorsing the last 12 months' chronic underperformance.

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Some of the group's difficulties stem from the cigarette division. GrandMet's push to build up the generic cigarette business in the US was so successful that by mid-sum-mer, the Liggett & Myers subsidiary was making about £50 million, more or less from scratch.

A mooted management buyout, worth some \$325 million was then scuppered by the aggressive entry into the market of an undercutting tobacco major, BAT. The putative buyers withdrew as BAT's price war drove the GrandMet cigarette profits down to nominal levels.

Little relief, either for the cigarette division, or for Grand Metropolitan's gearing, can be expected from this quarter in the short term. Borrowings are still 54 per cent of equity.

But problems abound else-

where. Consumers services profits fell some £6 million to £67.4 million, as the gaming side was hit by new and relocated casino competition throughout London.

Trading profits on foods effectively halved to £16.4 million, as milk overproduction led to cheese mountains which helped to slash margins. Brewing profits, it is true, improved by some 10 per cent, reflecting the group's brand strength and efficiency drive. But the improvement ranks nowhere near the 25 per cent profits advance by Bass. In one sense, the vulnerability of Grand Metropolitan, when faced with a really determined major, like BAT,

iem. In the seventies, the group used gearing to move smartly into high cash flow but sleepy consumer sectors. But the sector majors have subsequently regrouped. Grand Metropolitan, however, is just too small in all areas to be a price maker. Meanwhile it is left with the debt to service natural innovatory talents and the problem, perhaps, of a rather dated identity.

It seems that hardly a week has gone by this year without an announcement from British Electric Traction about an acquisition, disposal or some other restructuring of the group. This level of activity is indicative of the efforts of the new management to brighten BET's image and to knock the group into a more effective

Those efforts now seem to be interim pretax profits of £37.2 million up from £31.8 million reflected the strength of the core businesses in a period where there has been substan-

tial changes in the group.
Providing Mr Robert
Maxwell signs on the dotted line to complete his purchase of BET's cable interests this should signify the end of the main part of the restructuring. There is still however, the vexed question of the takeover of Initial, at present in the hands of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which might require a rethink of the strategy of the British laundry business if the bid is halted.

With the first stage of the BET renaissance completed the group's next task will be to demonstrate that it is capable of producing earnings growth. The group's propensity to finance acquisitions with its shares has resulted in earnings takeover goes ahead there will

acquistiton must be a good move for BET and investors must be patient about the earnings dilution,

In the first half, publishing profits leapt to £8.5 million from £1.9 million although £4 million of the increase came from property sales and acqui-

The shares have been rerated to reflect the improvement in BET's structure and strategy. Yesterday the price fell by 7p to 303p and it may well be that in the short-term there will not be much by way of growth. On a longer term view another upward rerating can be

expected providing BET provides some earnings growth.

M&G Group

M&G Group experienced one of the best investment years in its history in 1984 and increased its revenue from management charges, produc-ing another good set of results. Pretax profits for the year to September 30 moved ahead 18 per cent from £6 million to £7.1 million compared with last year's 33 per cent surge. The company is giving shareholders a 25 per cent dividend increase, to 25p, which compares well with last year's exceptional one-third rise.

At the same time the group is seeking shareholders proval to double the number of shares by capitalizing reserves, producing a share capital of £4.6 million. The object is to make the shares, currently at 700p, more marketable, but it not disturb the major trial norm. shareholdings - principally Kleinwort Benson's 32 per cent

reserves rose from £20 million world industrial cycle, or from to £25,2 million over the year, frustration at the dividend £1.3 million of tax provisions policy. But the rating certainly was written back into reserves excludes perennial bid hopes as a result of corporation tax against which the group con-

of £300 million in units sold, to et al. may feel otherwise.

trusts. Its investment trust and pensions business also drew in new funds, but most impressive was the virtual doubling of M&G's single-premium life assurance business from £28.9

million to £43.3 million. Shareholders can feel justifiably satisfied with earnings per share up 10p to 50.38p and net assets per share up from 218.7p to 272.9p.

English China Clays

English China Clays, as ever, poses the market a subtle rating problem, after reporting profits 37 per cent ahead at nearly £64 million. The shares rose 2p on the results to 258p.

The group, a leading supplier to the world's paper industry, has done well out of the consumer boom of the last 18 months. Volumes in the clay division rose by about 43 per cent to £45.8 million, with only marginal benefits from price

Sadly, however, the Chancellor appears to have done rather better than shareholders from the bumper year. Changes in stock relief and Britain's capital allowances structure have boosted its tax charges by about 70 per cent. A £24 million provision for deferred tax has been charged direct to reserves pushing gearing, on one calcu-

age points to 29 per cent.
The dividend, in contrast, goes up by just under 10 per cent to 9.6p. a far slower rate of increase than the present indus-

Enlish China Clays' accelerating market underperformance therefore stem from M&G's share capital and bearish perceptions about the siders it has new developed The group saw a net increase immunity. Lord Hanson, RTZ,

V defends its future as Treasury eyes revenue By Jeremy Warner

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This is an accusation vigorously denied by the industry. In a submission to the review group, the Independent Television Companies Association (ITCA) said: The product we sell, advertising time, is particu-larly vulnerable to industrial action and unsold advertising time is even more perishable than unsold fruit. We maintain that our efforts in meeting industrial pressures have been at least as successful as others in similar situations."

worst excesses of the old British film industry, recent events have indicated a new get tough" attitude in management. Thames, often critized as

one of the industry's worst offenders, countered what its managing director Mr Bryan Cowgill, called the "tyranny of the blank screen" during a two-and-a-week technicians stoppage in the autumn, with a service out out by management service put out by management and did not suffer too badly in the ratings as a result.

A tax based on revenue could have severe consequences for the already highly volatile nature of television profits. The profit margins of independent television companies, fre-quently in excess of 20 per cent before the introduction of Channel 4, are now running at little more than half that level. If the levy became a fixed cost, it would not require much inflation elsewhere to wipe out profits altogether.

Last Tuesday the ITCA met in plenary session with the BBC and five independents to discuss the present proposals for direct broadcasting by satellite. The 15 ITV companies are being asked to put up £200 million towards the project which envisages a three-satellite system operated jointly with the BBC and the five commercial

There are loud mutterings that the whole scheme is not financially viable and significant changes were expected to be proposed at the meeting. Yorkshire Television's managing director, Mr Paul Fox 5335:
Tinkering with the levy system
will certainly threaten the entire
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the network has put forward in favour of the status quo is that a change to a revenue-based tax would threaten the future of creative programme making and the range and quality of programming on ITV.

The present system, by

making programme costs offsettable against levy but any money earnt by selling the product overseas not chargeable for levy purposes, has created a powerful incentive for produc-ing quality material for the Moreover, though there is network and helped make little doubt that independent Britain into the second largest television inherited some of the exporter of programmes in the

"Much of the work we have put into developing our production capacity over the last 12 years will be lost if there is significant change to the present levy system," says Mr Tim Knowles, finance director of

Because of the high marginal rate of tax on profits, we have become a highly competitive industry in export markets and have been able to break into the States in a big way. We have created employment, oppor-tunities and expertise in the regions, helped improve the standard of programme on the network and contributed overseas earnings. They surely do not want to kill such success."

Indeed, the Government does not and the present guess is that the review committee will try to come up with a new tax based on both profits and revenue which will attempt to combine the old alternatives for highquality programming with the need to take a close look at other costs in ITV.

The industry does not regard this as an acceptable compromise. One senior ITV manager "Profitability and efficiency is not a matter for the Government. It is something independent television company shareholders are quite capable of looking after. There is a growing feeling that just because the Government is

going to clobber the BBC, they

will clobber us as well".

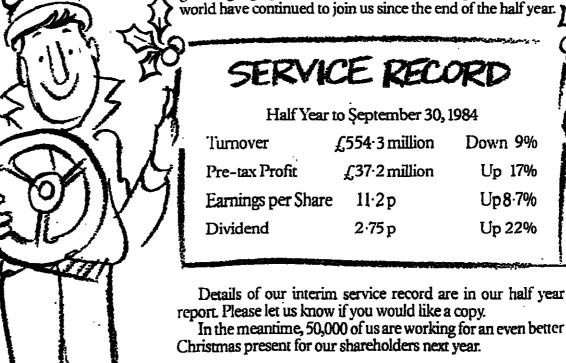
The futures of the two are no doubt linked, but that is because broadcasting is a national asset and ITV, for all its shareholders, is part of the duopoly that controls it. Efficiency within broadcasting as a whole, not just the BBC is a legitimate area of the Govern-

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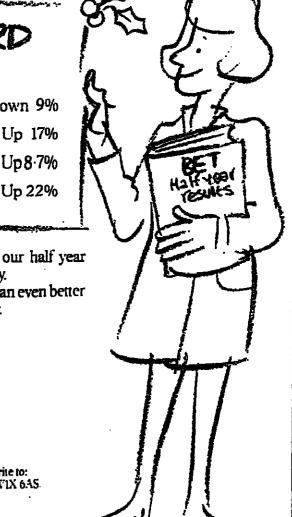
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Boom and bust points to a greater realism

By Michael Prest

Gold is still real money but the worldwide ebbing of inflation has made it more like a commodity

Only with the infinite wisdom of 20-20 hindsight can any gold trader claim to have anticipated the great bull market of the latter half of the 1970s. Mr Keith Smith of Mocatta & . Goldsmid, one of the five leading bullion houses which constitute the London Gold Market, says flatly: "I did not expect gold to go to \$850." Still less did anyone foresee the reaction which set in after 1980.

But the boom, which carried the price up relentlessly from an average of \$125 an ounce in 1976 to an average of \$612 - and a peak of \$850 four years later - was the central act in the drama played out by the gold market over the decade after liberalization in 1974.

Public awareness of gold in all its manifestations became acute to the point of obsession. Far from being the Cinderella metal of the 1960s, gold was widely regarded as the thermometer of the financial sys-

Its rise and fall closely track the dominant themes of the time: the accumulation and abatement of inflationary fears; floating currencies and the roller-coaster fortunes of the dollar, the search for invest-ment havens; and even doubts about the very survival of the Western economy.

The consequences of the late 1970s are still with us and may have changed the market permanently. Gold is quoted daily by newspapers and wire services as a key economic indicator. The idea that gold should form part of a portfolio is commonplace, despite its

recent dismal performance.

market. And paradoxically, what then seemed to be a decisive argument for the restoration of gold in the monetary system - if not a gold standard - has turned out to be a case at least as strong for paper instruments.

The collapse of the gold price from 1975 to mid-1976 seemed

The impact of liberalization in America was seriously overestimated, Mr Robert Beale of Samuel Montagu, another of the London bullion houses, recalls: "The point about recalls: "The point about United States ownership of gold was that it didn't develop in the way people expected." In the event, both trading on Comex and bullion and coin purchases

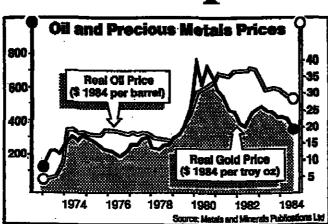
The disappointment was temporary. By the middle of 1976 all the forces which were to fuel gold's upward flight had assembled. Then and now the most important of these forces in the eyes of many participants and observers was inflation. Mr and observers was inneation. The Reg Eccles of Metals and Minerals, a British consultancy, believes: "What the last 10 years has been about is wealth

On the face of it, the evidence that people flocked into gold as a hedge against inflation is compelling. In Britain, the Retail Price Index rose from 127 in 1976 to 200.9 at the height of the gold boom in 1980, when British inflation was running at an annual rate of more than 20 per cent.

Average inflation among the members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the rich countries' club, was 8.6 per cent in 1976 and 12.9 per cent four years later.

Rapid inflation was outside the American experience and resurrected in the European collective consciousness dark memories of Weimar. As Mr Julian Baring, a partner with the London stockbrokers, James Capel, put it: "Gold is the Mrw in private hands and many ultimate money. Man has used analogy was with oil: there was people with money to spare.

"I and one dealers are active in the it for centuries." The instinct to an uncannily common price. The reaction of most industrial



turn to gold as a safe harbour against the threatened inflationary hurricane ran deep.

Fear bred its own convic-tions. The idea that gold by some ineluctable process held its real value was much aired. By the height of the boom in 1979 and 1980, the idea had gained a semblance of credibility as nobody could fail - or so it seemed - to make quick, short-term profits.

In the bullion belt of America's south and west, billionaires believed in a quasireligious way that Communism and hyper-inflation were nigh. From Puerto Rico the mysterious Aden sisters forecast that gold would reach \$2,000. A few believed them.

Mr Lowell Mintz, at this stage chairman of Comex, vividly recalls the atmosphere which infected the professional "You and the unprofessional: "You had world-wide crazies, and by the same token you had some so-called experienced crazies."

The inflationary impetus behind gold was not entirely irrational. It was inevitable that a commodity whose price had been artificially restrained for so long should jump in value once freed of administrative constraints. And it was just as natural that gold should have been carried up with the general price increase. Other commodities behaved similarly and there was also an international boom

Much the most persuasive

shock was to print more money. Indeed, the course of money supply in the developed world might be a better analogy of gold prices than the inflation which the bigger quantity of money was supposed to cause. In any event, one result was that fast depreciating cash found its

way into gold.

The clearest early example was Britain, a country whose long history of political stability and secure property ownership apparently militated against gold. But in 1974, in the aftermath of a stock market crash which took the FT Index down to 150, the British began buying Krugerrands insatiably. Eventually the Government was forced to impose import controls, but a succession of smuggling cases and valueadded tax frauds pointed to a continuing interest in the coins.

The British bought Krugertechnically South African legal tender - otherwise the British were not allowed to hoard gold.

Other countries were not slow to buy Krugers, as they quickly came to be known, whether legally or illegally. Between 1970 and 1980, investors around the world bought more than 30 million ounces of would subsequently decline in real terms as well.
Oil was impelled by the same the coins. Their convenience as portable wealth and the relatively low premiums compared with the many small bars which Oil was important for anappeared on the market, allied other reason. Part of the buying to the low unit cost, helped to spree which began to push gold up from 1976 on emanated from the Middle East. The create a huge new private pool of gold holding, with immense long-term consequences for the quadrupling of the oil price had

flooded Arabia and Gulf with Mr Mark Collier, the London surplus dollars and Arabs were representative of Intergold, the South African marketers of long accustomed to gold as Krugerrands, says: "It's been a Mr Baring and Mr Smith international success story in terms of the billions of dollars invested in gold." Apart place great emphasis on the impact of oil prices, not just in terms of the liquidity transfer, from Britain, the main markets but also in terms of the change in Western psychology. Mr Baring recalls: "You only had to were Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, recently Hong Kong where the coins have see them going in and out of the Swiss banks. They all wore white robes." Not for nothing begun to replace the traditional tola bar - and the United States.

caught gold fever, from 1977 on, they were very ill indeed. The United States is now by far Arabs were not the only the biggest market for gold in all its forms: bullion, coins and jewelry. What excited the interest was European trading of gold futures in Comex. As the gold price and the volume of bullion flowing into private hands rose, Europeans turned to Comex as the only futures hedge. It was a reversal of the tradition by which Europeans hoarded and Americans traded.

Trading volume on Comex picked up sharply as Americans saw the market's potential. Mr Mintz admits of Comex: "It went through quite a violent-infancy. People weren't used to-trading gold in this kind of

As gold raced towards \$850 on January 21, 1980, it was watched by officialdom with bemused disapproval. Throughout this period, the US Treasury Fund were selling gold in an attempt to cool the market.

While the private sector was busy re-asserting its faith in the metal, the official sector was trying to de-monetize gold once and for all. The policy was partly based on Keynes' dictum that gold was a "barbarous relic". The anthorities wanted the world to switch to the Drawing Right.

Mr Beale has an heretic interpretation of this episode. "I think that what made the popularity of gold in the late 1970s and got futures markets going was IMF and Treasury auctions." Far from deepening It is significant that Western gold mine production fell in the mid-1970s to its lowest for 20

Even the fattest stomach fills up and by January, 1980, despite the queues in Hatton Garden and the run on jewellers, the game was almost up.

Within two years of touching \$850, gold had collapsed to barely \$350 an ounce. The brief spart back up to \$500 at the beginning of 1983 proved a false dawn. Gold is now so much out of favour with investors that there is gloomy talk of it falling far below \$300.

Disenchantment, or perhaps greater detachment, is common Mr Baring describes the market of the late 1970s as a "band-wagon". Mr Smith says: "It was fashion. Gold has no God-given right to be considered a hedge against inflation. It is just another hedge available to the fund manager." Big American commission houses such as

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Merrill Lynch, banks like Citibank and traders like Philip Brothers who plunged into gold trading have cut back their operations. In some respects the market

feels much as it did a decade ago. A low price means strong demand for jewelry and for other manufacturing such as electronics, but the absence of investment demand depresses the price further. Gold once again is behaving more like a commodity. The alternation between commodity and investment characteristics is another of the period's sub-plots. Mine production is rising quickly, a lagged response to events five VERTS REO.

can see some possibly permanent changes to the landscape. It is very hard to envisage much of the 2,600 tonnes of gold absorbed by the private sector drifting back into official hands. The "de-monetization" of gold is impossible, but by the same token, as Miss Louise de Boulay

ability of gold renders the market less stable. The second big change wrought by the 1970s is faster, more accurate and more public pricing Futures markets, new but the most enduring legacy technology and the public may be the much greater awareness of a global market-

private cusiness of the 1960s. This, too, implies more volatile influence one attributes to

futures trading. What is striking is a paradox. The Vietnamese boat people. among others, proved that gold has lost none of its attractions for the politically fearful. Yet of Consolidated Gold Fields the obverse of the gold boom points out, the increased avail- and inflation was the appearance of a new generation of financial instruments, such as interest-bearing account aimed, at the private investor.

Gold has re-asserted itself, sophistication of the investor place have swept away the and the instruments he chooses.

Unaudited report of the Group results for the half year ended 30th September 1984

The Board has today declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st March 1985 at the rate of 4.5p per share (last year 4.5p) absorbing £16.3m. The dividend is payable on 22nd February 1985 to shareholders on the register at 18th January 1985.

Results based on historical cost	£m. 554.5	£m
TURNOVER (note 2)	3343	<u>493.0</u>
TRADING PROFIT	79.5	64.2
Share of profit (loss) of related company	.3 5.6	(2.0) 4.7
Income from investments Interest (note 3)	(71)	1.0
Surplus on realisation of investments	22	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	80.5	67.9
BEFORE TAXATION Taxation (note 4)	(35.3)	(23.6)
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AFTER TAXATION	45.2	44.3
Extraordinary items (note 5)	<u>(4.4)</u>	(1.4)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	40.8	42.9
EARNINGS PER SHARE	<u>12.45</u> p	12.20p
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Interest payable		(14.7)	(5.6)
Interest earned	on liquid funds	<u>7.6</u>	6.6
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Current cost profit after taxation Gearing adjustment	7.6 3.7	8.1 8
CURRENT COST PROFIT (BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	11.3	8.9
CURRENT COST EARNINGS PER SHARE	3.11p	2.45

Review of Trading

Although industrial action in the UK caused some orders which would have been despatched in September to be held back until after the end of the period, Group exports of Scotch whisky matched the volume recorded for the corresponding period last year and exports of gin achieved a marginal increase. The volume of sales in the home market fell short of last year's level.

The increase in trading profit as against the 1983 figure reflects the inclusion of £10 million from the US company Somerset Importers Ltd. which we acquired in May and also some £8 million attributable to the higher exchange value of the dollar currency in which we invoice our exports to the US of whiskies bottled in Scotland and Tanqueray gin. Trading profit of more than £8 million relating to the export shipments delayed by industrial action has been postponed to the second

Our carbon dioxide interests achieved a modest improvement in trading profit but the contribution from our food group was substantially lower.

The enormous increase in the taxation charge compared with last year is due to the abrupt withdrawal of stock relief. The consequences of the denial of any transitional relief in respect of stocks of maturing Scotch whisky were described in the Chairman's statement in our 1984 annual report. Outlook

Our leading brands in the United States - Dewar's and Johnnie Walker continue to show satisfactory strength, but there has been a further weakening in demand for Scotch whisky in Venezuela, Japan and the Middle East in the last few months and we now consider it unlikely that the volume of our total exports of

Scotch whisky will quite reach last year's level. In the home market in the face of intense competition and flat consumer demand, we do not now anticipate achieving last year's sales volume.

The strong performance of Tanqueray gin in the US is continuing and worldwide exports of our brands of gin are showing a satisfactory increase over last year. The benefits of rationalisation measures recently taken, together with the continuing strength of the dollar, the contribution from Somerset Importers and the greatly improved performance of United Glass, strengthen our view that pre-tax profits for the full year will show at least a moderate improvement over 1983/84.

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TENNIS: THREE OF SWEDEN'S TRIUMPHANT DAVIS CUP TEAM. PRODUCTS OF NATIONAL COACHING, WILL BE SEEN HERE IN JANUARY

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

showdown to start off could be at hand. The sheriff as Pat Cowdell was depicted in the recent "Wanted" advertisement in Boxing News, may get his man. Barry

But the "reward" would have the £100,000 Cowdell's managers. Pat And Tom Lynch, have offered the Clones boxer. As McGuigan needs another successful title defence to make the Lonsdale Belt his own, his manager, B J Eastwood, said after Cowdell had knocked out Clyde Ruan, of Slough, in the fourth round at the Ulster Hall. Belfast, on Wenesday night: "Let Cowdell declare himself a featherweight and challenge Barry. But we don't want to be mucked around with sums like £100.000, Let us lodge £300.000 each with the board and the winner takes all. Barry wants the Lonsdale Belt even more than the world title and he is prepared to fight Cowdell in his

After the Lynch brothers chewed over the implication of this confrontation, which could sell out a Midlands football ground and attract United States television, who are completely sold on McGuigan. they said vesterday: "We are calling Eastwood's bluff. We are ready to fight McGuigan for £300,000 in the Midlands, or we'll go to Belfast for £150,000 purse and fight McGuigan in his



HOCKEY

Middlesex challenge at half-way

By Joyce Whitehead

Middlesex's superiority in the south is being keenly contested by Buckinghamshire. Each has 12 points at the halfway stage of their county championship group, the final rounds of which will take place at Bisham Abbey National Sports entre near Marlow at the end of

the lead with eight points, but the final result is still very much in the balance. Yorkshire lie second with seven points and Cheshire, the holders, third with six. Each has live matches still to play at their residential tournament at Lytham St Anne's from December 27 to 31.

Cambridgeshire have surprised

cambridgeshire have surprised everyone, including themselves, by being top of the east table after their two pre-tournament matches. They have eight points with Norfolk and Suffolk, the holders, two points behind. The east, with its eight counties, have a tidy table. Each has played twice and will play five times to four days at their fournament at in four days at their tournament at the Eurosports village Shotley Gate

near ispwich.

The west, too, are at an interesting stage. Somerset, the championship holders, are lying second, two points behind Avon.

Herefordshire, who rose from the

depths last season, are holding their own, lying equal third with Devon Leicestershire, in the midlands, are the only team from the National Championship finals last season who are top in their territory. They have a lead of seven points on the four sides, tying for second place.

RACKETS

Dick recovers to reach final

David Dick (Harrow, 10day's final of the H. K. Foster Cup at Queens Club when he defeated the second seed. Etonian, Peter Baily 15-12, 15-12 yesterday (William Stephens writes). Baily led 3-0 in the second game with the ball floating high around the walls like a partridge in a gusty wind. Dick is about 26,000, which is a self of money for any club in this sport."

Mr Stewart calculates that David Dick (Harrow) reached today's final of the H. K. Foster Cup cation while Bailey was tentative.
The first seed. Rupert Owen-Browne (Tonbridge), defeated

Simon Harford (Winchester) with clinical severity by 15-4, 15-5, 15-8. RESULTS: H K Foeler Cup semi-ficale: D G Dack (Harrow) bt P Bedy (Etcs), 15-12, 15-12 15-12 R Owen-Brownet (Torbiridge) bt S Variord (Winchester), 16-4, 15-5, 15-8, Includen-Webber Cup (under-16 Steel: J Longley (Tertaridge) bt G N Lunt (Malvern), 15-0, 15-2, 15-4.

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OTHER SPORT

At the end of next mouth the Irish will be heading south of their Rio Grange for Panama

> winner, most likely to be Pedroza to meet McGuigan. wanted to be a partner in the return fight if McGuigan beat him and \$250,000 as well.".

his sponsors, to back the offer to Pedroza. "If it comes off it will be the biggest thing in Irish sport," Trevor McClintock, the vodka-maker's managing direc-tor, said. But Eastwood cautioned that the world title bout would also need prime viewing in the United States in order to

That should not be too difficult, as Americans are avid followers of McGuigan, and United States television has offered to show the Irishman i action against one of three top-

Much will depend on whom McGuigan's agent, Mickey Duff, comes up with, but the chances are it will be the former world featherweight champion Juan Laporte, of Puerto Rico. The bout will be at the King's Hall, Belfast, which will be packed, as usual, to the rafters.

McGuigan. however, has made one new supporter whom I am sure he will value highly. He is Clyde Ruan. "I have become McGuigan's fan." Ruan said after his unsuccessful challenge. "I thought he was a walk in Schler Rut he is like a walk-in fighter. But he is like a ghost. You cannot find him where you want him to be. I am sure he will be world cham-

Olympians due to get more gold

Britain could be refunded more than a quarter of the £1.2m it cost to send their largest and most successful Olympic team to Los Angeles this year.
The windfall follows an announce

ment in the United States that the organizers of the Games are prepared to pay for accommodation and certain other expenses of some and certain other expenses of some of the 135 competing countries.

The Games made a profit of at least £180m and the amount being distributed could be around £5,860,000. "It is difficult to give an

£5,800,000. "It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of what we are likely to receive, but it could be £300,000 to £400,000." said Bob Watson, the British Olympic

Watson, the Drussa Chympac Association treasurer.

"Whatever the amount – and it cost us £500,000 in living and operating in Los Angeles – it is good news. We have never been in such a

acws. We have never neen in such a sound financial position."

Charles Palmer, the BOA chairman, also welcomed the news of the refund, but added: "I would prefer the organizers to make a more accurate estimate of costs at future. accurate estimate of costs at future Games so that we don't have to find so much money in the beginning. "It was very hard for us to raise the cash needed to send such a big

ICE HOCKEY

Sports Council blunder costs **Dundee £6,000**

By Robert Pryce

The failure of the British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) to apply for grants to the Sports Council of Great Britain has cost the Dundee Rockets, its champion club, about £6,000 in the last 15 months.

Mr Stewart calculates that Dundee spent over £11,000 on travel Danace spein over 11 1,000 on invest and overnight accommodation in playing European Cup games against Rodovre. of Deumark, last season and Megeve, of France, last

Champion clubs in ice bockey and other sports are entitled to Sports Council grant aid of 75 per cent of the travel costs for European Cup ties. The sport's national governing body would apply for the sum as part of its international travel grant.

vely.
"I was not aware that Dundee
were eligible", Frederick Meredith,
President of the BIHA, said
yesterday. "The forms we have
specify only national teams."

Games venue chosen Mexico City (AFP) - The 1987 Pan-American Games will be held in Indianapolis, Mario Vazquez Rana, the president of the Games' governing body, confirmed here.

WBA champion, defend his title against Jorge Lurjan on February 2 and make an offer to the

"Barry is ready", Eastwood said. "1985 has to be the big year for McGuigan, even if have to go into the lion's den' Eastwood has been chasing the legendary champion of Panama nine months. But with every McGuigan victory Pedroza has taken two steps backwards and stuck his hand out for more money. "His terms have proved impossible", Eastwood said. "He wanted \$600.000 tax free. I offered that. Still no good, He

Eastwood will be ac-companied on his trip by the

the United States' team may have been the strongest they have ever had. But John McEnroe, Jimmy Conners and Peter Fleming were given a collective hiding by Mats Wilander, Henrik Sundstrom, both

When coaching leads to a uniform style **OLYMPIC GAMES**

find a free court".

rugby nursing something of an inferiority complex. "What if our approach to coaching is wrong", asked Northampton's Don White, at last week's after match function in Cardiff. He appeared comfortable assumed in a way he could not possible assumed in a w bottom of a ruck.

final between Sweden and the United States, was by no means startling Oddly, though, he turned out to be English. During our few

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Lewis and Feaver) in the King's Cup

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shadow of Borg, who was a counter

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who was later to mastermind Borg's

RUGBY UNION

Basically, whatever happens in Hawick will more than likely be

Fylde to Falmouth, from Selkirk to

argued, in that players from each of these places could fit in with the

others, if called upon at any time. There is a common bond of

understanding, as it were.
But, in fact, the Lions have been

less than impressive in the last three tours and all sorts of excuses were found for those failures. But more worrying is the fact that now each

country in turn has had defeats

inflicted on it in no uncertain manners. But what if," asks Don

White, "we are wrong"

Then, in his unstated answer to

his own question, we are all wrong. Style is not a standardised matter. It is the rugby unions and their

coaches who address themselves to

Don White's question who are likely

This could be of help, it could be

He had had to confront himself, he said with that question over three decades ago when, as a great captain of the formidable Northampton of the formidable Northampton club of those days, his team, based around a powerful pack, came up against Bleddyn Williams free running Cardiff. After the defeat White admitted that he had to reconsider his ideas and that there might be another way to play.

The question no longer applies, as it did then, simply on a local level. It has far wider implications. Since those times when Ehite and Williams could quite happily have Williams could quite happily have applied their ideas independently of each other, and with equal validity, the game, in fact, has changed very little. The laws have been tinkered with so that with each passing law which seems to quicken up the game, in time, some other aspect, with the players' or the coaches' contrivance, will be found to slow it Colts will have to prove

schools progress to comparable success when these promising players are in the first XV.

Lancashire, always a force to be reckoned with at 18-group level, entrained Warwickshire at Blun-

entramed warwersaire at bundelisands and lost a lively contest 12-7 after leading by seven points. Speed around the field and hard, disciplined forward play proved crucial in Warwickshire's victory. Lancashire have since drawn, 8-8

with Combria.
The Royal Grammar School,

Guildford, have enjoyed a wonder-

ful run since half-term, with seven victories including wins over Christ's Hospital (13-7). Wimble-

Gareth Davies is included in the squad for the championships for the first time since being dropped in 1982. The Cardiff stand-off half, kept out of the side for the match with Australia by Swansea's Malcolm Dacey, has shown outstanding form for his club. Davies enhanced his chances of winning-back his place with polished they are thoroughbreds However, his half back partner at Cardiff, Terry Holmes, who has

> Te Aute, the New Zealand schools' champions, will meet mostly club colts sides and are also playing against the Scottish Schools' XV, before departing for Holland

who had previously beaten a Wellington and Radley combined XV (27-9). The Royal GS's 15-0

Schools rugby is judged in some quarters entirely on the showing of the first XV, but this attitude is, to some degree, short-sighted. Take the Ley's, Cambridge, for example. Their under-15 colts played 13 matches and won them all, scoring 492 points and conceding only six. Elesanere College, from Shropshire, won 20 and drew one of the 21 matches played by their under-16 and under-14 sides, jointly scoring 588 points to 30. It will be interesting to see if these two schools progress to comparable Reigate G S have enjoyed a successful season with 10 wins and three losses, their most recent victories being against Latymer Upper (17-0) and Judd (15-3), who had not previously been beaten.

Armidale School, from New South Wales, coached by the former Australian scrum half, John Hip-well, ended their tour with a convincing victory over Sevenaks (18-0) to register their fifth win in eight matches.

Colts semi-finals

Devon meet Kent at Barnstaple on Saturday, January 5 and Lancashire play the North Midlands Christ's Hospital (13-7). Wimble-don College (13-3) and Reigat Grammar School (10-0). Their only loss was against the formidable New Zealand tourists, Te Aute College, on January 19.

Malik loses captaincy

Tomorrow was to have been a day of celebration for Mal Malik, the Coventry captain. He was to play his 200th game for the club but, instead, he has been dropped.

Malik remains cool about the humiliation. "It's up to me to play the club captain's place is open as the rest and that is how it should be" Malik added. my way back" he says. "I am not playing well, perhaps because of the worries of captaining a struggling

The inquest on Saturday's 58-12 defeat at Gloucester - the second heaviest in Covenity's history - lasted more than three hours and. place.

during a national scrummaging session on Monday evening. The Gloucester hooker said he told them then that he would not be march-fit for at least another forthight. The divisional selectors, nevertheless, picked him as captair for the Romanian game in a team showing important thing is that it shows that the club captain's place is open as the rest and that is how it should be Malik added. only one change from the side who drew 12-12 with Australia two months ago.
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man, gets his place - one of three changes in the pack. Graham Robbins is fit to resume at number eight while Brian Kidner, the England under 23 lock, regains his

Fires lit by Borg are now burning strongly It took me back to an evening at coaching since he was 16. When his playing days were over he became a businessman. "I worked with neon the doubles - beat a more experienced British team (Mottram. signs, club lighting, and all this. And was coaching in the evenings. That

normal in Sweden. Then the vedish Federation asked me to

Four young Swedes (from left) Sundstrom, Jarryd, Wilander and Edberg. keep concentrating as exemplified by their mentor. Borg

work with players up to the age of 18. After that I was King's Cup and Davis Cup captain for three years." sponsored for two years by Siab, a construction company. Sjögren Australia in order to improve their

practice hard. He was helped by the fact that his charges were prepared to work and fight, rather than waste "But they were still kids, so it was

Davis in fine form

Davies back

without

his partner

Mike Watkins, the Wales captain

is included in the national squad for the international championship despite stories circulating in Wales

that he is contemplating retirement. Watkins and the other 14 members

of the Wales side beaten 28 - 9 by Australia at Cardiff earlier this

Gareth Davies is included in the

back his place with polished displays for Cardiff and the Barbarians against the Wallabies.

recently resumed playing after dislocating a shoulder, has been

omitted.

SQUAD: Fullbacks: M Wyatt (Swingsa), H Device (Bridgend), Wings: M Tidey (Bridgend), E Rees (Neath), P Lewis (Linnell), A Hadley (Cardiff), Centries: R Actestine (London Welsti), L Jones (Portypool), M Ring (Cardiff), Stend-off habres: M Decay (Swinses), 6 Davies (Cardiff), Stend-off habres: M Decay (Swinses), 6 Device (Cardiff), B Cardiff), Stend-off habres: M Decay (Swinses), J Whitefoot (Cardiff), I Edmen (Cardiff), P Francis (Minesting), Hookers: M Waskins (Nessport), W Jennes (Aberavort), Locks: J Parlins (Petalpool), R Norster (Cardiff), P Hichards (Nessport), K Mossley (Portypool), Flesters: A Davies (Lisnell), R Mortery (Swenses), D Fickering (Lisnell), R Mortery (Cardiff), No. 8's: E Buller (Portypool), P Davies (South Wales Police).

Unfit Mills is

chosen to

lead S West

Steve Mills, the England hooker

was amazed to learn yesterday, that, although hie was still suffering from a serious neck injury, he had been named to lead the South West against Romania at Gloucester on

New Year's day.
Mills said that his injury was

known to the England selectors Derek Morgan, (chairman) and Jack Rowe, (south-west regional coach)

month, are restored to the squad.

from Bjorn. All these guys practiced with Bjorn some time and they

resolved when the Siah agreen om. Edberg and others were Meantime, Roy Emerson' was spending one week per year - he still does - teaching young Swedes how-to play doubles. That was important view of the Davis Cup and King's

team, together. Wilander's ranking rose and for a time Nystrom's fell. and Wilander is only marginally the best of a fine crop. Now Sven

Cup competitions. It may or may not be a coincidence that Jarryd and

Davidson, one of the five big names Swedish women. Perhaps he can do for the women what Sjögren did for have their clubs and coaches and special development programmes to

Rex Bellamy

Davi s Cup der tr Birmingham bound

Three members of Sweden's Davis Cup team which defeated the United States 4-1 in the final in others who just missed places in the American Young Masters Tourna-ment at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, from January

Whats Wilander, the salvation Open champion, Henrik Sundshop and Stefan Edberg who all played against the Americans, will be in this event for 21 mercels and this event for 21-year-olds and under which carries prize money of £160,000. So, too, will Joakim Nystrom and Thomas Hogsteit.

Two British players, Stephen Shaw and Stuart Bale, have entered the tournament, although the Lawn

officials at the side of the court and was embarrassed about his outburst

(Lewine Mair writes).

Miss Jones played confidently in the first set but, at the start of the second, she lost some of her self-belief. Miss Reeves was soon 3-0. ahead and, though she lost the next course product he four games, she was back on form an all the four truly

MOTOR RACING

Rome's streets built for racing

German authorities that they haveuntil January 31 to decide whether their 1985 race is to be held at Hockenheim or on the new

Nurburgring circuit.

The European Grand-Prix, to be held in Rome on October 13 as the fourteenth event of a 16-race series, will be the city's first formula one case in the producers. will be the city's first formula one race in the modern era. An Italian daily sports paper. La Gazenta dello Sport, has already given details of the proposed circuit, laid out around the roads of the district known as Esposizione Universale Romana, which was planned before the war by Mussolini as "a permanent exhibition of the glories of Rome" and completed later as a stellite city, with lakes, parks. satellite city, with lakes, parks, broad boulevards and striking

ontemporary architecture.

The track, 3.78 km in length: is to

The decision by a French court this week to suspend all sanctions against the Tyrrell Formula One team by the sport's ruling body in respect of the 1984-world champion-ship may cast into doubt the validity of changes to the Formula One regulations agreed during Tyrrell's suspension towards the end of the season.

nd of the season.
In particular, it reinforces the

feeling that the team's exclusion

from the championship came at a convenient time for all the other

teams, who, in the light of considerable fuel consumption problems with their turbocharged

engines, were seeking to retain the 220-fine fuel-tank limit for a further

year instead of adopting the previously agreed reduction to 195 litres for 1985.

Ken Tyrrelt alone was resisting this short-notice fule change, which required the unanimous agreement of all signatories to the Concorde

Agreement (made between the

constructors and the governing body) for it to be effected. Only after

his team's removal from the

START/FINISH

Via: Cristoforo Colombo, a dual carriageway. The projected plan indicates a hairpin bend at each end of the circuit and several artificial chicanes. A computer has calculated straights of 155 mph.

In charge of planning for the race, which is being backed by the Antomobile Club of Rome, is Maurizio Flammini, a leading Formula Two driver in the early

Elsewhere on the revised world championship calendar, the date of May 19, traditionally reserved for the Monaco Grand Prix remains vacant, and yesterday the inter-national automobile federation (FIA) announced a special meeting on February 19 to consider the expulsion of the Monaco Automobile Club as a consequence of its dispute with FISA.

Jean-Marie Balestre, executive president of the FIA and president of FISA. stressed that expulsion was by no means certain and said that Monaco would be free to hold a

Validity of rule change questioned

appeal) throws into question the validity of the contentious rule change, which would seem to require Tyrrell's approval in order

to establish its legality. If he has

C. Colombo

willing to take part in such a race. Sale 60 courses utare 1 est

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ELDER HANDICAP CHA! change was endorsed within hours of this occurring last July.

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Meanwhile, he has exercised his option to renew his contract with Martin Brundle and Stefan Bellot (whose points scores are also provisionally reinstated) for 1985. and the Tyrrell team will be taking part in the Formula One test

Both training runs were held yesterday after heavy snow made practice impossible on Wednesday. Sieglinde Winkler, of Austria, was fastest on the first run, in limin 27.01sec, with Miss Fignon twelfth fastest, more than two seconds slower than her later time.

Berne (Reuter) — A women's downhill planned for loday and tomorrow in Bormis late, but called off because of leck of snow, would not be lead unfil.

Tyrrell: approval needed

Miss Figini is youngest and fastest

Santa Caterina, Italy (AFP) —
Michela Fignon, the Olympic
champion, set the fastest time in
practice here yesterday for today's
women's World Cap downhill race.
Miss Figini, the youngest woman
ever to was the Olympic downhill
gold medal when she was 17, set a
time of imm 25,94sec, 34 hundredths of a second faster than her
Swiss compatriot. Ariane Ehrat, and Swiss compatriot. Ariane Ehrat, and Marina Kiehl, the World Cup-leader.

Berne (Reuter) - A women's downhill race planned for Alten-mark Austria, on Wednesday has

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VOLLEYBALL

Telford face

their big

brothers in

stern test

By Paul Harrison

The cup fighters of Telford Spikers of the second division, having already beaten two first

division sides on their way to the quarter-finals of the Royal Bank Cup in Scotland, now face their

They have been drawn to play

Marksmanship of highest East makes the stuffed shirts go west

Order triggers collapse

Indication of aged-in-the-cask spin bowl
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ic Marks produced his best owling performance on tour in dia to set England up for a lick victory over East Zone re. The Somerset off spinner ok four wickets in the space of balls, at a cost of only eight ns to send East Zone tuming to 117 all out. They were reed to follow on 173 behind igland's 290.

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When dusk closed the second y seven minutes early, East me were one without loss. On turning pitch it is difficult to them surviving two comte days' play to avoid a svy defeat.

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OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-119, 3-180, 5-220, 8-243, 7-248, 8-251, 9-277.

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on just as a 43-run thirdket partnership between the ner Indian Test opener,

wickets at a cost of 239 runs for six. 84 overs. Yesterday he

ndians seek to heal rift

elhi (Reuter) - The Indian
ket Board has aummoned Sunii
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the former captain, for a
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Test team.

te meeting, originally scheduled becomber 22 has been postponed three days to allow all the stors to be present. It will now place in Nagpur on Christmas in the presence of all five Test

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5 CHARTERHALL JUVENILE

URDLE (3-y-o: £642: 2m) (16 runners)

JOCA J Parkes 10-5 LADY LOCKET M Lambert 10-5 MBE GOLDINGAY (8F) M W Easterby

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WHITER BORNET B McLaan 10-5 ...

By Michael Seely 2.45 FOX-U-MORE (nap), 2.45 Jondale.

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5 KEILDER HANDICAP CHASE (£1,017: 2m 6f)

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MANITOU NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,899:



return catch from Anil Bharadwaj two balls later.

m Lal (42), and Ashiit He followed up by bowling asprakash (16) was begin Jayaprakash and, when he tempted Amal Das into edging a n seven previous weeks on catch behind, East Zone has tour Marks has claimed only crashed from 69 for two to 83

England ruthlessly took the n 84 overs. Yesterday he England ruthlessly took the them were scored by Neil Foster bled that tally by bowling new ball as soon as it was due who took his tour average to 86

Doubt over elhi (Reuter) - The Indian one-day match on December 27 and Greenidge

Melbourne (Reuter and AP) -Gordon Greenidge, the West Indian opening batsman, may miss the Fourth Test against Australia starting on Saturday because of a He said that if the board

Zone's tail folded.

Earlier yesterday England's

first innings was wrapped up in

20 minutes. Resuming at 277

for eight, they added only 13

more runs before losing their

last two wickets. Twelve of

confirmed the Indian selectors' view that Kapil Dev was guilty of indiscipline by getting out to a rash second innings stroke during India's eight-wicket delent by England in the socoad Test, there would be no Cammie Smith, the assistant manager of the touring party, confirmed yesterday that Greenidge, unable to eat, was suffering from a change of heart on his omission.

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22 43 YAMK BROWN (BF) Mrs M Dickinson 4-11-6
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FORSE TARGET MAN (11-()) all out to best RISSNG FOREST (11-0) ½ at newcasis with RETRIBUTION (11-0) 13½ beck in 5th (2m 120yds hdis. 21,021, heavy, Dec 3, 24 ran). YANK BROWN (10-7) 1½ 3rd and GLEN LOCHAN (10-7) further 2 sways 5n of 19 to Amber Rambler (10-13) at Notlinghain (2m Inde. 2738, good, Dec 3, LITTLE HARRY (10-12) best Gaybals (10-4) 3f at Southwell (2m 4 hdis, 2718, good to 5oh, Nov 20, 11 ran), ROMAN DUSK (11-12) be winner from Twelter (11-5) at Heothers (2m hdis, 2520, heavy, Dec 5, 12 ran), AUTUMN BALLET (10-12) pushed out to best Feiener Lady (10-12) 1½ over today's course and distance 27,072, good to 5oh, Dec 17, 11 ran).

Selection: RISING FOREST.

1.45 ELIBANK SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£751)

5-4 Old Heart, 5-2 Reay's Song, 7-2 Santago, 6 Mr Pongse, 10

2.15 GLENTREESS NOVICE CHASE (£742: 3m) (6)

15-8 Paim Cross, 5-2 Remos's Son, 4 Wellhill, 7 Hummelmoor, 10 Mighty Run, Sweet Steels.

2.45 CARDRONA HANDICAP HURDLE (£824: 2m) (9)

of aged-in-the-cask spin bowlers, so what better thing to do than to have a Christmas pint in front of the fire at the Red Lion. East Bergholt, there to talk cricket with the landlord, one Ray East, a spin bowler of ilar vintage to our matchwinners but with a reputation for unbridled eccentricity, re-inforced by his delightful little

East, often a match-win for Essex, and captor of the final wicket in their championship-winning season, keeps insisting that he has retired, is conching, captaining the second XI, and playing for the first team "in dire emergencies only". Of course, he never played for England. Partly, ere was Underwood, Another lofty left-armet, and partly, of course, there was East, and his dreadful habit of mucking about, taking the field in an overcoat, playing dead, always the first to break the cathedral hush of cricket.

Not even a hat-trick for The Rest against England was enough to win him a Test place. The day after that feat, he and John Lever bumped into a selector, Alec Bedser, in the hotel lift, and were greeted cordially: "Good morning Roy, good morning Peter."

There was always the feeling that East was never quite serious enough. So it goes: there is an awful let of dull cricket being played. "The West Ingrinding the opposition Barnes

relentlessly into the ground - it begins to pall, doesn't it? There will come a time when people wonder why they bother to have those three little sticks at each end. Since the target is obvi-ously the bataman's body."

I am always rather startled when a cricket professional says something that I, a cricket watcher, agree with. Pro-fessional sportsmen always have a totally different attitu their game, no matter what it is, from the rest of us. One would only have to overhear a morning conversation between East an his Essex spin partner, Acfield, to be convinced of that: "Splendid weather, David."

"Marvelions, Raymond. Simply Which means that it is

pouring with rain. Blasphemy on blasphemy, weather that would make a club cricketer weep is welcomed with open arms by people who not only play every day, but get paid for it, too. But the clubbie forgets that one of the great joys about working is not working, and cricket is work — "enjoyable, yes, but still work". Professional cricketers live on motorways and in hotels, play-ing seven days a week. Is it, then, surprising that they care not so much about the mances and the intriguing little moral

And winning alone?
"If you are winning, it is easy to keep your enthusiasm up, It

is winning that keeps you going. But there comes a time when you stop enjoying it, even when you are winning. And that is partly why I retired. "I have been a professional cricketer for 18 years, and I have seen the game change a hell of a lot. It has become a lot more competitive - a lot more -and I don't know how good a thing that is. The idea is to win at all costs. It used to be true that most cricketers walked

when they got a touch. These

days some captains instruct their players not to walk, to

leave it to the umpire. I have always walked myself." East bemoans the modern ession with pace, believes that spectators like to see a top spinner take on a top batsman (and I have heard West Indians calling for Abdul Qadir, be-seeching: "Bring on the magic man"). But he added: "I'd love come back as a fast bowler you know. As a slow bowler batting eight or nine, you're the prime target for bouncers. You're not going to bounce back, or hit centuries off them, either.

You just stand there. "The bouncer is a legitimate weapon, but it used to be used by people like Trueman as a reminder. Trueman always tried to get me out - not knock me out. It is hard, but the umpires must enforce the rule intimidatory bowling."

his club. Karachi, against Bahawal-pur. He might well have passed 500 but for a scoreboard error. He had been credited with 496 and two or

three minutes of play remained. In trying to steal the strike and face the

in the Dacca Test of 1961-62.

GOING: acad to soft

1.30 FITZWILLIAM

HURDLE (2578: 2m 80yd) (9)

1.0 COTTESMORE NOVICE CHASE (£882: 2m 5f 110yd) (12 rurners)

1883: Dr Peoper 6-10-8 J Long 7-10-7 R Rowell
1883: Dr Peoper 6-10-8 J Loveloy (3-1 |t fav) P D Haynes 13 ran
4-7 Oversway, 5 Kingmon's Gkf, 13-2 Ling, 12 Abo Ace, Mouraville, 16
others.

Fakenham selections

Michael Seely's selection 3.30 The Diplomat

2.0 WAVENEY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,171: 3m) (6)

SELLING

lt is a hard game, professional cricket. If you play for



of an aeroplane, if you play for your county, you are always in a car. Hotel living is always ghastly. When you play the game, huge men hurl lethal missiles at you, even if they know you can't bat, bitter sledging is a part of life, and above there, there is the relentless pressure to perform, to win, every day of the long

colleagues, who can communi

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MIM, the reigning league champions and for long the dominating force north of the border, on February 17. MIM will not be underestimating Spikers, neither will they be short of information about them; Spikers are MIM's reserve side.

It is not surprising that cricketers pray for rain, not surprising they have a different attitude from those of us who merely enjoy the game. And those players who can relieve some of those pressures for their cate the player's still extant zest and enjoyment of the game to the spectators, who can remind players and public that cricket really is supposed to be fun these men are to be revelled in.

East: sees fun in the game

Lyle, who was in charge of MIM last season. Lyle played for more than three sets of the five-setter last weekend in which Spikers defeated KAs, who are bottom of the first division, to move into the quarterfinals. The last set went to 17-15. The important league match on Sunday between VOLVO TRUCKS, the leaders, and MIM, who have games in hand, was postponed because of fuel shortages

in schools in Ayrshire. Because of the miners' strike, there is not enough coal to heat school halls at weekends.

In the English league, sponsored by Britvic, Redwood Lodge had their hopes dented with defeats at Leeds and Liverpool. Speedwell Rucanor won at Poole to stay four points clear, while Team Mizuno beat Liverpool 3-2 to stay second All, however, are looking over their shoulders at Capital City Spikers, who are back in business

That was why I went for a Christmas pint in East Bergbolt. To drink a toast to cricket

IN BRIEF

concentrating on retaining their league title after their European experiences. They beat Manchester

3-0 at the weekend, and have games

in hand on the teams above them. Expect some New Year's resolution

Smoothing the path for riders

Emerging show jumping countries, including South Africa, are to receive a £40,000 a year sponsorship from the Tarmac company. Tarmac, who are based in the Midlands. after to years association with

HOCKEY: The New South Wales Koalas, the Australian state indoor champions, are taking part in the three-day annual Roses indoor tournament, sponsored by West 'N'
Weish, at Southwold Sports Centre. writes). The programme starts at 4.30 pm today with Slough, the defending champions facing their old rivals, Beckenham. The final will be played at 4.45 pm on

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS: The sport in Britain will receive an encouraging boost during 1985 from a new £10,000 sponsorship at grass support not only the British senior and junior championships and its preliminaries but also a new national grades competition

Ivo Tennant celebrates the birthday of Hanif Mohammad

The man who could turn a day into a year reaches a slow 50

was one of the finest defensive batsmen cricket has known. He holds a number of extraordinary distinctions: the highest score in the history of the game, 499; the slowest triple hundred (and the longest innings on record); the slowest longest hundreds in Test cricket. Thus there were days and years,

and some days that seemed like years, when Hanif's batting did not befriend the uncommitted spectator. Even at Lord's he once spent 195 minutes eeking out 20, and, anothertime, took nine hours two minutes over 187. Yet Hanif was a feared opponent.

He was also, at one time, a batsman with all the strokes. When he came to England with the Pakistan side of 1954 he punished bouncers and drove through the covers with clinical ease. It was because his country was so dependent on him to produce big scores that in later years his attacking instincts clammed up.

Hanif grew up in a family that was to become famed in the world of cricket. Three of his brothers, Wazir, Mushtaq and Sadiq, played for Pakistan: a fourth, Ruees, was a

provincial player. Hanif's son, highest individual score in a first-Shoaib, is a current Test cricketer. class match. His 499 was made for At one stage the Pakistan side contained three Mohammads.

Small and wiry. Hanif had established himself as an opening batsman of the highest class before he attained his nineteenth birthday. Mushtag, when 15, became the youngest cricketer to play in a Test; Hanif himself had reached the ripe old age of 17 when he made his Test debut on the 1952-53 tour of India.

He had in those days "the germ of cricketing greatness about him", as John Arlott put it. He enjoyed his batting and probably still did when his colleagues rather selfishly suggested that his sound technique, allied to fierce concentration, would allow them to go for their shots. Hanife combines were never out.

better use than in the Caribbean in 1957-58. At Bridgetown, Pakistan followed on 463 runs in arreas and Hanif occupied the crease for 16 hours and 39 minutes, the longest innings ever. His 337 fell just 27 short of the then highest Test score, Len Hutton's 364.

Back home, Hanif added the Master".

has been dubbed with several nicknames, but the one that stuck



that was Hanif at Lord's

RACING

Pagan Sun can put rivals in the shade

With seven Newmarket Flat trainers saddling runners for today's Norfolk Novices' Hurdle at Fakenham, speciators might well be wondering whether obstacles actu-ally have to be jumped during the

any nave to be jumped during the two-mile contest.

Two of the trainers represented, Geoff Huffer and Alan Bailey, must be particularly anxious to lift this prize, as they both burnt their fingers badly when Nice One Andy and Pagan Sun failed to score at their first hurdling attempts.

Huffer ran Nice One Andy at Warwick last Friday and this promising recruit to the winter game looked like justifying strong market support – he was backed from 3-1 to 5-2 favouritism – until toppling over at the second flight from home when in a clear lead, leaving Royal when in a clear lead, leaving Royal

Charge to prevail.

Bailey's Pagan Sun was also popular order when he made his first appearance over hurdles at Cheltenham earlier this month, but after holding every chance two flights out, faded badly up the hill to finish seventh behind his former stable companion, Wing And A

Prayer.
Gavin Pritchard-Gordon has a useful youngster in Guiffand, who shaped well when fourth behing Whiskey Eyes at Newbury, and Philip Mitchell, the versatile Epsom trainer, runs an interesting newcomer. Sylvan Barnum. who won a competitive six-furlong handicap at the Newmarket July meeting.

However, in the belief that Pagan Son will be far better suited to Fakenham's less demanding tight circuit than Cheltenham, the Terry Ramsden-owned colt gets the vote. No matter how he fares with No manier now he rares with Sylvan Barnum, Mitchell should be on the mark in the FitzWilliam Selling Handicap Hurdle with Vaigly Rel, who has a much easier

Thorbell Arch, 12 Victory Boy, 14 others.

PORMIC THORMELL ARCH (10-0) and ALBERTAT (10-0) both prominent to 3 out when 7th and 10th of 12 to Jobroke (10-5) at Wetherby (2th hole, 23.288, good, Dae 3). THORRELL, ARCH (10-13) 31 End to Cornedy Felt (11-1) with VICTORY BOY (10-1) further 151 away 5th of 6 (Hiswansile, 2m 120yds hole, 277), bean, De 33, BLUE TARGEMN (10-10) had every charrol approaching the last when 7th, beated 21, to Polish (10-6) at Southwell (2m 4th hole, 51.318, good to soft, Doc 15, 18 res), JOHNALLE (10-0) had change between last 2 lights when 7th of 10 to Sertien at Newcastle (2m 120yds hole, 51,226, newy, Doc 1) with ARMEDISTIS (10-0) neck 2nd to Voolin (11-7) with PART-EX (10-0) 7t back in 3rd (Ayr, 2m hole, 21,237, soft, Nor 24, 6 ren).

Selection: ELUE TARGUEN.



with Sea Splash in the Waveney Handicap Chase. The eight-year-old prone to jumping errors, but if he can reproduce last month's Leicester running, when he beat Greenways by 15 lengths, he should have the measure of today's modest

Target Man and Rising Forest, who fought out a desperate finish to the Warkworth Novices' Hurdle at Brown to beat them both.

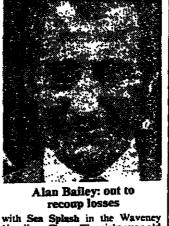
Ireland, Yank Brown has taken some time to show his form in this country, but last time out, over two miles at Nottingham, he was just run out of it on the flat by Amber Rambler and Singlecote, and could

Vaigly Rel, who has a much easier opportunity this time after finishing a creditable fifth behind the talented Joy Ride in a novice hurdle at Windsor last minth.

Owen Brennan, who collected with Milore at Catterick Bridge on Wednesday, may add to his tally

McKenna still in evidence

yet whose professional evidence played a hig part in clearing the trainer Sally Oliver at Wednesday's Jockey Club inquiry, was in the winner's enclosure as a delighted owner when Marina Star scored at



Newcastle earlier this month, reoppose in today's Manitou Novices' Hurdle at Kelso, but I nap the Monica Dickinson trained Yank

score at rewarding odds over today's extended trip.
Other likely winners at the

3.0 1, PETIT PAIN (J Francome, 3-1; 2, Nader IT Rows, 5-4 fav); 3, Record Red (S Moralwad, 25-1). Also ren: 13-2 Flaming Peerl (8th), 8

2.30 WEST NORFOLK NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o:

£548: 2m 80yd) (15) TAKERTOWN LAD J Jenkins 10-12 . HUNBERSIDE LADY G Huffer 10-7 ... PENNY LADY R Ladger 10-7

1880: Star Of Ireland 10-12 J Francome (11-4) A Jarvis 15 ran 5-2 Nice One Andy, Pagan Sun, 5 Guifland, 6 Sylvan Berrum, 8 Downtoven Hustler, Humberside Lady, 10 Tamertown Led. Beesett Boy, 12 others. By Mandarin
1.0 Oversway, 1.30 Vaigly Rel, 2.0 Sea Splash, 2.30
Pagan Sun, 3.0 Smiling Cavalier, 3.30 Diddelo.

By Mandarin
3.0 BELVOIR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP
CHASE (21,171: 2m) (5)

1983: Smiling Cavaller 7-10-7 i Williams (4-1) A Madwat 6 ran 13-8 Dee Park, 2 Smiling Cavaller, 7-2 Vitingo, 8 Cote Porter, 14 Leith H# 3.30 PAKENHAM CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITE

HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,008: 2m 50yd) (11) HANDICAP HUNDLE (21,008: 271 50yd) (1

1 9-000 GLENHAWK M Ryan 8-11-11

2 2112 THE DIPLOMAT D Ringer 6-11-4

0 0010 DIDDLO B Wise 7-10-12

6 00-00 PRINCESS HENHAM N Calaghan 4-10-6

7 0014 GOLDORATION (CD) H O'Neil 9-10-5

8 (9-00 CAPTAIN CATES M James 5-10-4

9 1050 FRINCH STREET R Hoad 5-10-1

10 4-13 EURCLINK BOY P Michael 5-10-1

13 0040 ALAN STUART W Barred 4-10-0

1401 English Shill (10,12 Francoung 62-1 (24) J Jensey

Coing: soft 12.30 (2m hdis) 1, CHUMMY'S BOY (Mr M PLATERINS, 10-1); 2, Missier Boon (S McNell, 2-1 lev); 3, Looking For Celd (N Fearn, 10-1); ALSO RAN: 9-2 Comra (pu), 11-2 Sax (Sm), Solar Light (Hh), 20 Charles Boo (Sm), 25 Thomas A Becket (pu), 8 ran. Hd. 12, 31, 10, 12, D Burchell at Ebow Vate. TOTE: £13.50; 23.10, 21.20, 52.30, DF: £11.70. CSF: £27.43. After a stowards' inquiry, the result \$100d.

1.0 (2m 4) ch) 1, WRLL BORRERI (F Berron, 33-1); 2. Volce Of Progress (P Scudemore, evens it-fav); 3. Dishelofth (J Brysn, 33-1). ALSO RAN: Evens p-fav Ardent Soy (f), 33 Rorqual (f), 5 ren. 194, 30L M McCormack at Warlange. TOTE: £19.50; 53.40, £1.40. DP; £21.60. CSP: £63.17. After a stawardes' inqury, the result stood.

CSP: 210.48.

2.45 (2m 330yd hdis) 1, SDARDMANS CORONET (N Doughty, 11-5 fav); 2, Hearthreak Hotal (Mrs B Butterworth, 19-1); 3, Luckly Fee (A Brown, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 13-2 Lissily (Sitt), 15-2 Gun Carriage (4th), 8-3 Bannow Burn (8th), 12 Uptown, 32 Abby Boy, Busk Futz, Royal Glow (pu), Bright Suggestion, Drake House (f), Jarall, Pippin Gill (pu), Tuvalla (pu), 15 ran. 3, 61, 15, sh td. 2, 5, 64, 61, 60, DP; 219.00, GSF: 221.53, 23.40, 21.60, DP; 219.00, GSF: 221.53.

3.15 (2m 4! hole) 1, THE MAN HRSSELF (N Doughty, 8-1); 2, Absecate (J D Davies, 5-1); 3, hight Errart (M Barnes, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Flying Osta (4th), 6 Colonel Rose (5th), 6 Startight Rocky, 18 Mayannoo, Worthy-Heires, 25 Lerves Homes, Pan Royal, Cool Thomas (6th), 11 ran, NR: Cut N Dry, Nect, 81, 37, 41, 101. G Richards at Gryssoke TOTE, 57,50; 22.80, 21.80, 24.00, DF, 218.00, CSF, 24.05, TRICAST: 2283.09, PLACEPOT: 230.15.

 To commemorate the late Capt.
 Tim Rogers, Tattersalls are sponsor-Tim Rogers, lattersalls are sponsoring the Tattersalls-Rogers Gold Cup, a group two event for four-year-olds and upwards, to be run over ten furlongs on Irish 2,000 Guineas Day at the Curragh on May 18. The race has ir £65,000 tn prize money of which Tattersalls are

● Earl's Brig, beaten by Unscrupulous Judge at Kelso on Monday will miss tomorrow's Coral Welsh

contributing Ir £50,000.

Today's Plumpton meeting was cancelled because of a waterlogged

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagement (dead): Ferry Rock, Norlolk Pageant, Prove Data, Little Miss Horner.

Course specialists **KELSO**

TRAINERS: A Scott 20 wins from 74 runners, 27.0%; N Crump 9 from 52, 17.3%; W A Stephenson 38 from 251, 15.1%. JOCKEYS: C Piralott 18 winners from 88 rides, 29,9%; J J O'Nest 14 from 87, 18,1%; R Lamb 2 from 165, 13,9%. JOCKEYS: Mr S Sherwood 15 winners from 36 rides, 41.7%; S Smith Eccles 5 from 21, 23.8%; M Kemmond 5 from 27, 12.5%.

Iappy return for Boardmans Coronet pardmans Coronet gained his victory in the second division a Caldbeck Novices' Hurdle at his exercise yesterday, 12 months after with the Ladbroke Handicap for the corresponding race. Year ago, Boardmans Coronet with the Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists without the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists with the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists with the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists with the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists with the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists with the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists with the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck. It was the fortists with the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a neck in the ladbroke Handicap Hurdle by a nec

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The Divider proved himself a

useful fencing recruit by taking the Heads Nook Novices' Chase by two and a half lengths from Secondary we out and had the race at his cy only to break down before hist. There were no problems time, though, as Neale Doughty ight him home a three-length ter from Hearthreak Hotel.

-dmans Coronet is likely to go see chasing in the New Year. Ridden by Georgie Duo, The Divider was handed the initiative when Supreme Bid made a bad

Calder, who owns and trains the Divider, plans to run him at Ayr carly in the New Year.

O Kempton have called on Wanning a machine which clears sarface water, to safeguard their Boxing Day fixture. Waterhog, which resembles a small steamroller, is completely mobile and can pump away 12,000 gallons of water an hour. The machine was instrumental in saving Folkestone's meeting on Tuesday from waterlogging.

chance had to make a dramatic recovery after slipping into the second hurdle. John Francome, riding only his second winner in the last three weeks, said that he actually put a hand on the ground to keep himself in the asaddle, But after that Petit Pain jumped well

They went evens both Ardent Spy and Voice of Progress in the Cloves Steeplechase, with 33-1 against the rest, but Ardent Spy fell at the first and Voice of Progress repeatedly jumped away to his left and was never travelling well. So Will Boreen sprang a 33-1 surprise which justified trainer Matt McCormack's second and commondable philosophy. sound and commendable philosophy that you don't care any prizes by

Hereford results

1.30 (3m 11 hde) 1, MENDALEAK (N Coleman, 10-1); 2, Rabeg (1 Davies, 5-1); 3, Rigion Bassa (A Wobber, 7-1); 4, Kevin Bvens (R Rova, 5-1); ALSO RAN: 4 tw Sormey (sul, 10 Pharach's Own, 14 Ruella Lady, Shiley Grove, 16 Sieve Luschra, 20 Diel Direct, Assa Willia, Spaced Out (5h), Tio-On-Rose (6th), 33 Mariken, 50 Bassa Wyris, Curtan Run (put), Bathse (put, 17 ran. 12); 15, 114, dist, W Price at Bibow Vale, TOTE: £12.80; £1.40, £1.80, \$30,02.50 Dec. £22.01 (55) 14,01 (1) Trans. 23.00, 52.50, DF: £32.10, CSF: £58.18, Tr

Laurenbel (5th), 14 Burgundy Star, 16 Nebco (pm), 20 Redgrave Artist. Rodabay, Downsown Chicago, 25 Akinous (4th), 33 Craven Boy (pm), 50 Result (pm), Saucy Squirtel (pm), Asson Benk, Walk i Rayam. 17 ran. 151, dist, 21, 21, 81. Fürster at Lambourn, Tetes 23.50; 21.70, 21.30, 22.30. DP: 25.80. CSP: 27.71. Placepot: 25.56. Carlisle

Golace soft 12.45 (2m 330yd hole) 1, CMPHASE Raf G 12.45 (2m 330yd hole) 1, CMPHASE Raf G Harter. 7.4 tav): 2, Starshot (Mr D Swindshurst, 8-1); 3, Prince Reviewer (T Wall, 11-2), ALSO RAN: 4 Prince Sweet (4th, 5 Denionic, 16 Sydetby (8th), 20 Day Of Winstes, 33 Kummasie, 50 There Again (pu), Mitton Lockhert (5th), 10 There Again (pu), Mitton Lockhert (5th), 10 There 2.50; \$1.50, \$1.30, £2 10, Di: \$3.20, CSF; \$1.5.31. 1.15 (2m 330yd hafle) 1, EDWELT (K Teelan, 11-4 law); 2, Richards Bay Al Doughty, 9-2; 3, Caleman (D Nolan, 14-1), ALSO RAN's Denver (pu), Rhymarc (f), 111 Taucar (4th), 12 it's Heatwan (f), 25 Mr Music Boy (sci.); 6 ran, B, B, S, W Story at Consent. TOTE: 22-20; 51-30, \$1.30, \$1.30, \$1.20, Dr. 87-30, CSF: \$14.08. Whener bounds in cr30 miness.

DOUGH IN TO 720 IMPROBAN (C GRAN, 14-1):
2, Strawfill (K Doolsn, 9-2); 3, Preben For (D Conkley, 2-1 tay), ALSO RAN: 4 Twiffight, (4m), 9-2 Succeeded (µr), 10 Who's Fore, 8 ran. 4, 10, 81, 201. J. Jefferson at Malton, TOTE: \$18,70; 25.70, 22.20. DF: \$25.40, CSF, \$22.83.

2.19 (2m 4f ch) 1. THE DIMIDER (T G Dun, 15-6 forly 2, Sectandary Intege (M Dwyer, 5-1); 3, Supresses Bid (R Ballour, 5-1); ALSO RANL 5 French Lord (5th), 10 Charles Duke, 20 Light Damon (8th), Victory Morn, 25 Royal Jet (pul, 33, Colledieu (pul, Hassy Day (ur), 50 Binge (4th), Cool Tribostes (f), Kingley House, Marmaliar (f), Calle (pul, 15 ran. MP: Shinny Son, 27-1, 3 (10, 5, 4), Mrs T Calder at Duns, TOTE 52.70; 52.00,52.00, 51.30, OP: 54.90. CSP: \$10.48. 2.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, THE DIVIDER (T & Dun.

FOOTBALL Contrite Wright ends the feud at Southampton

Football Correspondent

Mark Wright yesterday attempted to bring an end to his protracted and public dispute with his manager, Lawrie McMentemy, and his club, Southampton. With the assistance of Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Associ-ation, he issued a statement in which he apologized for an article that appeared recently in a Sunday

newspaper.
His statement read: "After discussions with the PFA and having taken the advice of Mr Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the PFA, Mark Wright wishes to publicly apologize to Southampton FC for coments published in the

"He accepts that he was wrong to do this and wishes to state quite categorically that he did not appreciate the significance of the hotograph taken which was used by the newspaper concerned in an insulting manner without his

"Having made statements to the newspaper concerned, he did make attempts to try to retract the situation following a meeting with the manager on Thursday Decem-ber 6. He wishes to reiterate his intention of giving a full commit-ment to the manager and the club under the terms of his contract.

"He appreciates the debt he owes to Lawrie McMenemy for the progress his career has made so far. the also wishes to confirm through the PFA that he has, as yet, received no money for the articles, and any fees so due will be paid by him direct to he Save The Children (Ethiopia) appeal fund."

Everyone, and particularly Wright, must hope that those are the last words to be uttered in the distasteful affair. Although the youngster has surprisingly escaped official punishment, he has inflicted an hierall downers that is more on himself damage that is more severe than if McMenemy had



Wright: apologized

climbed out of the bath into which Wright says he pushed him and landed a knock-out blow.

Within a couple of years of being lifted out of relative obscurity at Oxford United, he was dropped. ownerd three was dropped, albeit prematurely, into the heart of England's defence. Not content with progress that many another 21-year-old would regard as belonging in the land of fantasy, he began to feel he should be above criticism.

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should be above criticism.

The problem was caused initially when McMenemy complained during the interval of last month's Milk Cup tie with Queen's Park Rangers about the individual contributions of Williams, who is will determined to move from the property from the contributions of the contributions o combutions of Williams, who is still determined to move away from Southampton, and Wright. They overreacted is filled perhaps with their own self-importance after taking part the previous week in England's 8-0 victory over Turkey in template.

in Istanbul.

McMenemy has accepted the apology, but it would not be surprising if he did so grudgingly. Why, for instance, did it take almost a fortnight for Wright to issue the statement, and why did he require the heavy guidance of the PFA to do so." Whatever happens now. Wright is sure to be by far the heaviest loser in the argument.

Wembley propose a **British compromise**

Wembley Stadium officials have come up with a plan to avert a possible fixture clash anvolving England's World Cup campaign. England have a World Cup qualifying match in Finland on May 22 the same day as the second leg of the UEFA Cup final, which could possibly be between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United, both of whom have reached the both of whom have reached the

If the British clubs should play each other, Wembley are suggesting a one-leg final at the stadium earlier in May, rather than the customary two-leg encounter. UEFA per-mission would be needed.

Shrewsbury Town's 14-goal top scorer, Gary Stevens, faces his second two match ban of the season and will miss the third round FA
Cup tie against Oxford United on
January 5 after being sent off in a
Shropshire Senior Cup match
against Oxwestry Town on Wednesday night. He will also miss the second division game at Wimble-don the following week.

● Len Walker, the former Alder-shot manager, has issued a High



Geddis: cut-price fee FA back down on status plan

dropped a controversial plan to change the system under which clubs become full members of the

FA. Clubs and leagues throughout the country opposed the plan, which would have meant that several well-

would have meant that several well-known clubs currently below the highest levels of the non-League game – including Kingstonian, Bromley, Oxford City, Clapton, Corinthian-Casuals, Cambridge City, West Auckland and Willington – would lose their status as full members, and become associate members.

members.
Under the FA's plan, full membership would have been held only by clubs in the premier divisions of the Gola, Isthmian, Southern, Northern Premier and Northern Leagues and 84 of the current 250 full members would have become exercisite members.

have become associate members. Associate members have no voting

rights and have their disciplinary matters handled by their county associations – who tend to hand out more severe punishments – rather

RUGBY LEAGUE

Unlucky break

for Schofield

Dewsbury's hopes of pulling off a surprise win in the quarter-finals of the John Player Special Trophy this weekend were boosted yesterday

with some unfortunate news from Hall (Keith Macklin writes). Garry

Schofield, the brilliant young Hull and Great Britain centre, fractured an elbow in the under-21 international in France last Sunday. Originally he thought it was severly bruised. Schofield will be out for

over a month, at a time when Hull are struggling to find form.

St Helens have reshuffled their side to entermin Halifax in

tomorrow's trophy game because of

Australian full back Phil Veivers.

Allen will move from centre to full

back and the utility player Peters comes in at centre, partnering

departing, just five weeks after taking over as manager in a boardroom coup. Reg Driver, the former chairman has predicted that he will be back in the chair by the end of next month, when his first job will be to remove Harris and

job will be to remove Harris and recall Walker.

Coventry City, will allow Mark Hateley, their former forward to receive medical treatment at Highfield Road while spending Christmas with his family in Nottingham. Hateley, who now plays for AC Milan underwent a knee operation in Italy last month.

Meanwhile, two Coventry players have been loaned out for a month —

have been loaned out for a month — Graham Withey to Cardiff City and Andy Spring to Lincoln City. • Ron Saunders, the Birmingham

City manager, has signed David Goddes for the second time in the 26-year-old forward's career. He moved from Barnsley for £45,000 – far less than the £300,000 which Saunders paid to Ipswich Town while he was in charge at Aston Villa in September 1979.

• Frank Worthington, aged 36, is expected to sign for Wolverhampton Wanderers. Worthington, who joined Brighton and Hove Albion at joined Brighton and Hove Albion at the start of this season on a free transfer from Southampton, has scored only three goals in 14 matches. Wolverhampton will be his ninth league club.

Southampton will be his ninth league club.
Luton Town have decided against signing the Uruguayan international, Nelson Agresta, a 29-year-old midfield player who has been training with the club all week. "He is no better than the players I

"He is no better than the players I already have". David Pleat, the Luton manager said.

Non-League football by Paul Newman

consistently refused tuit membership or have had to wait several
years for it.

Although the plan has been
dropped, the FA and the county
associations are likely to reconsider
the full membership held by some
clubs now playing below the highest
levels. A new set of proposals on
membership may also be drawn up
at a later date.

associations – who tend to hand out more severe punishments – rather than the FA.

The plan was drawn up because the current system is widely considered unsatisfactory. Full members are selected individually,

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NSC): Aliwaukee Bucks 107, Boston Cettes 32: New Jersey Nets 115, Washington Butlets 105; Philadelphia 78ers 123, Sen Antonio Spurs 118; Los Angeles Laters 123, Houston Rockets 116; Detroit Pistons 146, Derver Ruggets 128: Los Angeles Citypers 21, Seattle Supersonics 86.

FOOTBALL
BULGARIAN LEAGURE Chemomorets 1.
Chemo More 1; Dounky 1, CSKA 4; Trakis 1, Spartisk Pieren 1; Botes 4, Siavis 1; Lokomothy Sofie 2, Minyor 2; ZNSK Spartisk Vistus 8, Pirin 3; Lywish Spartak 7, Beros Stara Zagora 2; Eur 2, Stylen 0.
INTERNATIONAL: Egypt 0, Norway 1.

NORDIC SKIING

NORDIC SKINGS SR Moritz World Cass standings 1, H Schwarz. (WG), 222.5ms, [6] and 90 metresk 2, 3 Memm. (EG), 205.1 (82/85.5); 3, T Manifer, (WG), 204.1 (85/85.5); 4, 1 Oksan, (Nor), 201.5 (84.5/87); 5, 3 Yilguth (Fin), 201.4 (85/87); 8, T Flots, (WG), 199.9 (85/87).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH ASSRICA: National Lague (NHL): Hertlord Whalers 6. Boszon Bruins 5: Winnipeg Jebs 5: New York Rampers 4. New Jersey Davils 3. Pittsburgh Pengains 2. Buffalo Sabres 6. Chicago Black Hawks 3: St Louis Blues 4. Minnesola North Sters 1 Edmonton Quers 7, Los Angales Yings 3.

Lawrenson and Liverpool back live

Mark Lawrenson returns for Liverpool in tonight's televised game away to Queen's Park Rangers, after recovering from a hamstrug strain which has kept him

out for two matches.

He replaces Gillespie in the only change from the team wich drew at Aston Villa on Saturday. Dalglish is still toubled by a back strain, so Walsh partners Rush up front.

Kevin MacDonald, Liverpool's recent £400,000 signing from Leicester City, could be named the substitute – the first time he has been in contention for a first-team place since serving a three-match

Liverpool, making their fifth appearance in a live televised match this season, will move into the top five for the first time this season if

Queen's Park Rangers have dropped Wicks, the former England Under-21 defender, for the game. He is the first casualty of the London side's change of style since the departure of Alan Mullery.

One of the first acts of Frank Sibley, the caretaker manager, on taking control was to abandon the controversial offside tactics perfected by Terry Venables and employed by Mullery, in favour of a

sweeper system.
It was obvious during last weekend's 3-0 defeat by Manchester Weekend s 3-0 detect by Manchester United that Wicks does not fit in with this and Sibley has called in Chivers. "Steve can't play in the system in the way it is at the moment." Sibley said.

QUEENTS PARK RANGERS: Hucker: (from) Neil, Dawes, McDonald, Fenwick Chivana, Stewart, Waddock, Barnster, Stainnod, Gregory, Feneday, Pyme, James, LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar: Neal, Kannedy, Lawrenson, Johnston, Hansen, Welsh, Wark, Rush, Molby, Nicol, Sub: Whelan or Neclinaria.

Showpiece final for little clubs

The Associate Members' Cup, launched last year for third and fourth division clubs, has a new name. a £50,000 sponsorship deal and a Wembley final on June 1.

Freight Rover, the Birminghambased manufacturers of conversion based manufacturers of commercial vehicles, announced their sponsor-ship of the "Freight Rover Trophy"

esterday. Clubs reaching the later stages will share £30,000, and the two finalists will each receive a 15-seater minibus worth £10,000. The 48 clubs will be split north and south until the area finals on May 13, only the first round will be played over

End: Botton Wanderers v Crewe Alexandra: Trasmere Rovers v Blackpoot: Doncaster Rovers v York City, Hardepool v Uncoln City: Scurithore United v Bredford: Helitax Town v Darlington: Rotherham United v Chesterfield: Hull City v Marsifield Town: Port Vale v Northamption Town: Derby County v Walssell: Newport County v Exister City: Peterbrough v Cambridge United; Bournemouth v Prymouth Argyle; Hereford United v Bristol City: Swarsea City v Bristol Rovers: Torquey United v Swindon Town: Orient v Aldershot: Reading v Swindon Town: Orient v Aldershot: Reading v Brenticrit: Milliwal v Southaind United; Glängham v Cachester United.
Matches to be player in weeks commencing January 21 and February 4.

Wednesday's results

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Third division PRESTON (1) 2 Johnson, Rudge 2.864 Fourth division	YORK C (3) 4 McPhail, Houghan, Pearce, Banton
PETERBORO (1) 1 Werrall 3.835	BURY (2) 4 Madden 2, Hill, James
3,336	ABINDS F

Managing a Northern Premier League club is rapidly becoming the most precarious job in football. At least 10 of the 22 clubs have

replaced their managers since the start of the season. The latest two managers to lose their jobs are Bob Murphy of Southport and Stuart Mason of Oswestry Town.

BOXING

BELFAST: Weiterweight (8 roundst: Geoff Pegiar (Swarsses) to David Irving (Balfast), 7th round: Light-middle (6 rounds): Carl Banviss (Tooting) to Rocky McCram (Belfast), pis-Bantam (6 rounds): Davis McAuley (Larne) bit Grafiam Clarke (Carolli), 4th sound: Feether (12 rounds): Bany McDulgan (Clones) to Clyde Ruan (Slough), 4th round.

TENNIS

MANI BEACH: Annual Crange Bowl Junior Championships: Boy's under 18, Whit respois 6 dicorn (s) bt J tagg. (Perú. 6-1, 6-1; A Morero (mex) bt K three-Smed (WG) 8-6, 6-3, 7-5; L Jensen (US) bt I Seric (Yug) 8-3, 6-2, 8 Orean (Fug) bt A Volkey (USSR) 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 GRELE (MOSER 18-6 Sabettini (Arg) bt A Allonen (Pr) 6-0,6-1; K Maleeva (Bui) bt D Ketelast (Neth) 6-2, 6-2.

RACKETS

CHEEN'S CLUB: REMNY CUP, CHEMEN SINGLE R Bornslack (Halleybury) by J Deen (Winchestan), 15-1, 5-15, 15-8; G W Deversus (Pacify) by A D Ferguson (Maheem), 15-3, 15-8; A J Harrisson (Pacify) by C Crichian-Stuart (Eart), 18-15, 17-16; M A Sanytha-Ochourn (Eart) by F Termant (Wellington), 15-11, 15-1, Sanyi-Senise Deversus by Bornslack, 15-4, 15-15, 15-1

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Basque XV 28. Romania 6 (Pr

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Basingstoke 0. Croydon 2. CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Asion Vita 1. Manchester City 0; Barnsley 1, Notingham Forest 2. Nowcaste 1 Bactions 0. Shelfled

largely according to their performances in FA competitions, and the status is rarely removed once granted. While some full members are now playing well below the top levels, some associate members who have made substantial progress both on and off the pitch have either been consistently refused full membershin or have had to wait several

membership may also be drawn up at a later date.

The North West Counties
League (NWCL) and the Northern Counties East League (NCEL) appear to have successfully opposed a plan by the Northern Premier League (NPL) to form a second division consisting largely of NWCL and NCEL teams. The two lower leagues prefer to complete their part.

Mason of Oswestry Town.

Murphy, appointed only 10 months ago, has been dismissed because of Southport's poor form. He has been replaced by Brian Grilliths, who resigned last week after only months of his second spell this year as the manager of South Liverpool. Mason, who took over at leagues prefer to complete their part.

FOR THE RECORD

SUDGREAM 1 POSEPONDE: DONCESTOR ROVER'S VI-HUR!
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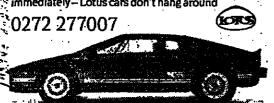
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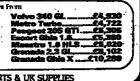


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Ceafax AM. News headlines. weather, traffic and sports viewers with television sets without the teletext facility. Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Nick Ross. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; programme of at 6.55; a review of the

Food and Drink, presented by Chris Kelly, includes items on the best buys in Christmas puddings; flow to make the best home-made wine; and best home-made wine; and an outside broadcast report from Exmoor where the locals celebrate the season in

individual style (shown yesterday) 9.30 Ceefax 10.30 Play School (r). 10.50 Ceefax. News After Noon with Richard The weather prospects come from lan McCaskili 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtit

Pebble Mili at One. The final edition until after Christmas is in the form of a party with lots of music, laughs and guests 1.45 Little Misses and the

Mister Men (r). Living on the Land. John Seymour explains how he became self-sufficient almost

by accident (r). Film: Too Many Girls* (1940) starring Lucille Ball and Deal Amaz. An helress decides to attend her father's old college and four young footballers are hired to protect her. Directed

by George Abbott 3.48 Regional news (not London). High Shipbs, presented by Ben Thomas 4.10 The Parelly Nees 15 Japkanory. Michael Barrymore reads the Snal part. of The Land of Green Ginger 4.30 Swift, Zax and the Allen Prince 4.50 Hartbeat. Tony Hart controls drawing implements to create several pictures 5.10 Crackerjack 5.58

News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. London Plus. Cartoon, Bugs Bunny In

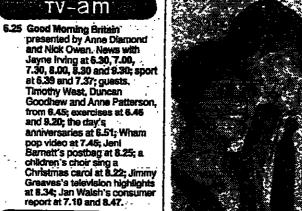
Haredevil Hare. Match of the Day Live, Introduced by Jimmy Hill. Sarry Davies is at Loftus Road ... between Queen's Park Rangers and Liverpool, both teams struggling to find the form of which they are

News with Julia Somerville Film: Scorpio (1972) starring Burt Lancaster, Alain Delon and Paul Scofield. Spy thriller about an ageing CIA agent whose superiors believe has sold out to the Russians and of the agency's attempts to eliminate the agent. Set in Washington, Vienna and Paris. Directed by Michael Wanner. 10.30 James Mason - The Star and final part of the series based on Lord Stockton's War

Diaries. In tonight's edition he talks to Ludovic Kennedy about the time when, as Churchill's political adviser, he was involved in one of the most controversial decisions of the Second World War. It was the time when 40,000 Cossacks and White Russians who had supported the Germans against the Russlans were forcibly handed over to the Russians.

Lete Night in Concert. Linds. Ronstadt with Nelson Riddle and his Orchestra in concert at Senta Barbara, California. Weather.

ERA & BALLET



9.00 Ceetax.

ITV/LONDON

where the Muppets make isaming fun 10.25 Let's Pretend to the Adventures of a

Jelly 10.40 Razzmatazz. Pop

BMX Best. Four experts in the Northern BMX final, held in

Border Television's purpose-built arena in Carlisle, 11.30 Rainbow Christmas Show, A

Never Too Early, Never Too Late. Aspects of education.

Parkin 1.20 Thames news

ntomime special (r).

12.00 The Sooty Christmas Show. with Matthew Corbett (r) 12.30

1.00 News at One with Leonard

from Robin Houston.

1.30 Father Murphy. A young girl's

3.15 Thames news headlines 3.20 University Challenge. The deciding leg of the final

Andrews and the Open

University 3.50 Elusions

children experience a:

Blockbusters. General

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Two couples test their knowledge of public opinion and their luck at the

programme of the comedy series starring Thora Hird as

Salvation Army Captain Emily

8.00 Finnegan, Begin Again. Mary Tyler Moore and Robert

Preston star in this comedy

teacher Liz DeHaan who is

Uncle, who may have the

Choice).

10.00 News at Ten.

answer to her problem (see

They Loved to Hate. A profile

interview with the star himself,

clips from some of his films and a contribution from one of

friend. Ann Todd (see Choice).

starring Lynn Redgrave, James Mason, Alan Bates and

his co-stars and personal

Film: Georgy Girl* (1965)

Charlotte Rampling. An

amusing story of how love came into the life af the plain

Georgy, a dancing teacher who shares a flet with a

somewhat promiscious friend.

When her flat-mate's antics

get too much for the friend's lover, he turns to Georgy for

Narizzano.

1.20 Night Thoughts.

"OH BOY, WHAT A HOOT"

having an affair with a married

undertaker, Into her life strides Michael Finnegan, an Agony

5.45 News 6.00 The 6 O'Clock

at life in London.

turn of a card.

7.30 Hallefujah! The final

Ridley (Oracle).

deneration gap with grown-

ups at a christening (f). 5.15

Show. Michael Aspel and his team take a lighthearted look

protestations of love force

Murphy to reveal his feelings for Mae Woodward.

between the University of St

Fergus Roy examines some of

the tricks that have become

Tiestre Box: You Must

Believe All This, by Adrian Mitchell Four young Victorian

mosic show presented by

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Sesame Street

Mary Tyler Moore and Sam Waterston (ITV, 8.00 pm)

BBC 2

shown on Sunday when more than 400 sporting personalities re-lived the sporting highlights of the year and acclaimed Torvill and Dean as the Sports

Personalities of the Year - and who could argue with that?

3.35 Sports Review of 1984. A peat of the programme

5.15 News summary with subtitles

5.20 Open to Question, HRH The

Thildren Fund.

Princess Anne faces the

questioning of 80 Scots teenagers, recorded by BBC

Princess's last visit to the Third World in her capacity as

Scotland on the eve of the

6.00 The invaders. Science fiction

have landed on Earth.

6:50 Choir of the Year 1984. The

second semi-final of the

competition organised by Sainbury's. Cliff Morgan

adventure starring Roy Trinnes as David Vincent, a

man on the trail of aliens who

ntroduces the aix choirs who

are striving for the remaining three places in the final.

Wildlife on Two: Aliens from

documentary about cuttlefish,

squids and octopuses – cephalods that transmit colour patterns of breathtaking

beauty. Are they talking to each other when they do? Or

Arthur Marshall's team of Sue

MacGregor and Nicky Henson

challenge Frank Muir, Joanna Lumley and John Dunn to a

Italians. The tenth and final

through the eyes of different hallans. This evening's subject

Manglaviti who, in a week's

whom she has never before

artefacts of the 4077th so that the station will be remembered

w to set the scene for the television version of

ingmar Bergman's extravaganza which begins on

9.30 Arene: What's Cube Playing At? On the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, Arene traces the Afro-Spanish roots

11.30 Film: Roseland (1977) starting Gereldine Chaplin, Christopher

Three portraits of love,

lvory. Ends at 1.15.

Walken and Teresa Wright.

loneliness and ambition set

ensing the background of one

balimoms. Directed by James

of the country's rich musical

portrait of Italy as seen

4s 20-year old Natine.

ime, marries a man with

9.00 M°A°S°H. Hotilos decides to

fill a time capsule with

9.25 Fanny and Alexander. A

Sunday.

history.

10.45 Newsnight.

are the trying to communication with humans? (r) (Ceefax).

8.00 Call My Bluff. Robert

est of wordy wits.

inner Space. David-Afterborough narrates this

in one of the interview snippets that break up the generous selection of film clips in Trish Kinane's documentary THE STAR THEY LOVED TO HATE (ITV, 10.30pm).

It is one of the tragedies of life that good intentions are so often

overtaken by more pressing matters, like death. James Mason,

tells the interviewer Shelley Rohde, that he had not yet formulated his ideas about trying to do the right thing according to his own set of standards. But time ran out for Mr Mason. He died a few months later. Tonight's profile of the actor, does, however, manage to say quite a lot about the nonconformist standards he adopted during the period of his career when his offscreen reputation for upsetting people

tched his on screen propensity for treating women in an ungentlemanly fashlor (a whipping

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Treasure Hunt, Annaka Rica

3.30 Film: Wild Stallion* (1953)

flies over the Lake District guided by treasure hunters

Adrianne and Brian Lee. (r)

ratic wild station (1856) starring story, directed by Albert Lamorisse of The Rad Balloon fame, about a young

boy who dreams of taming a wild white horse that roams

Countdown. The final of the fifth series is between the

number eight seed Robert Violett of Hernel Hempstea

5.00 The Addams Family* Uncle

near that description?

5.30 The Tube, presented by Jools Holland, Paula Yates and

Fester is in a panic after

learning that his pen-pal is coming to stay. He has described himself as

handsome and romantic. What

can he do to come anywhere

Muriel Gray. On the bill tonight

Weller and Rory Bremner. Paul Young is on film and there is

an interview with that master of the English language,

viewers charge the makers of Twenty Twenty Vision's series

offenders than on the children.

Stanley Unwin.

7.30 Right to Reply. Two women

ori child sex abuse with

8.00 What the Papers Say. Peter

McKay, Washington

concentrating more on the

correspondent of the Daily

8.15 A Week in Politics includes ar

State for Northern Ireland,

year of the miners; and

9.00 Tell the Truth. Which of three

Falk try to find out.

9.30 Gardeners' Calenda

Mail. casts a critical eye over how the Press has treated the

interview with the Secretary of

Douglas Hurd; a report on the

Christmas gift suggestions for Mrs Thatcher.

guests has a genuine claim to fame? Graeme Garden's panel

of Diane Harron, Jack Tinker,

presented by Hannah Gordon

Society's garden at Wisley. December chores include maintenance work in the rock

series starring Bob Newhart.

Diary. Thoughts on a Glasgow

controversial film, directed by

Algeria's eight year fight for independence from France.

carden, by the cond and

around the herb wheel.

10.00 Newhart. American comedy

10.35 Ian Breakwell's Christmas

10.45 Film: Battle of Algiers* (1968) starring Jean Martin. The first showing on British television for this brutal and

Gillo Pontecorvo, about

Big Top.

12.55 Closedown.

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7.00 Channel Four News

are Alexei Sayle, the Waterboys, Toy Dolls, Paul

and Peter Evans, the number three seed from Coventry.

the desolate Camargue region

CHOICE

for Margaret Lockwood, a slap for Judy Garland, a taste of the stick for Ann Todd). Miss Rohde found Mason in a mellow mood, befitting his 75 years. There is no trace of the glowering old rebel in the quiet man who reveals that he cannot speak the closing lines in A Star is Born, one of his better movies, because to do so would bring tears to his eyes.

FINNEGAN, BEGIN AGAIN (ITV.
8.00pm) is a love story that almost puls a muscle so hard does it try to be something else. And although it to be something else. And although it looks as American as a Fourth of July parade, it is officially British. I can explain its pedigree more easily than I can explain its character because to do the latter would spoil would spice.

your enjoyment of what is a warm and witty, touching and scatty, and

Radio 4

9.05 Desert Island Discs. The

castaway is Ray Cooney, Artistic Director of the Theatre of

absolutely first-rate performances from Robert Preston and Mary Tyler Moore as, respectively, autumn and spring, and a good one from Sam Waterston, as a showery summer. The stars, then, are American. So is the director (Joan Micklin Silver), and so are the setting and the writer (Walter Lockwood). But the cash that made it possible is British, and so is Zenith, the production company. Television-wise, hands can rarely have reached across the Atlantic to happier effect.

wholly unpredictable story, with two

5.00 PM: News Magazine.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News;
6.30 Going Places. Citye Jacobs and his team Investigate travel and tranport in Denmark.
7.00 News 5.55 Shipping.
6.00 News Briefing: Weather, 6.10 Farming Today, 6.25 Prayer, 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News, 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 7.00, 8.00 News, 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament, 8.50 Your Latters, 8.57 Weather, 9.00 News. 7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick Of The Week. With Margaret

7.20 Pick Of The Week. With Margaret Howard.
8.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees examines the way the newspapers have behaved this wek.
8.45 Any Questions? from London. With David Steel MP, Enoch Powell MP. Lord Soper, David Frost and John Simpson.
8.30 Letter From America by Alistak Cooks.

Cooke.

9.45 Kalaidoscope: The Adventure of Mazeppa and the Sugar Pturn Fatry' - Michael Billington on two new productions of Tchalkovsky's 'The Nutcracker and 'Mazeppa'.

10.15 A Book At Bedtime: 'Just

Director of the Theatre of Comedy, (r). †

9.45 Slient Night, Kevin Crossley-Holland traces the history of the much-loved Christmes song. †

10.00 News; International Assignment.

10:30 Morning Story: "A Family Affair" by Alphonse Daudet, Read by David March.

10.45 Daily Service Advent Calender: The Prophecies of Islah. †

11.00 News; Travel; The Snow-Baby. A portreit of Alison Utiley, the creator of the Little Grey Rabbit and other animal cheracters. (r)

11.48 I Beg Your Pardon? with Michael Jordan.

12.00 News; You and Yours: Trevor Barnes talks to people who suffer 10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Just Resting: Leon McKern reads another extract from his recently published autobiography. (5).

10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending, Satirical review.

12.00 News, Weather.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 VHF is as above, except: 5.55-6.00em Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner 5.50-2.00pm

rews; roll and Yours: frevor
Barnes talks to people who suffer
from loneliness at Christmas.

12.27 Top Of The Form. The Final: 15.
North (1). 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers, 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News: Woman's Hour from
Manchester Incharles a new leat-Listening Corner 5.50-2.00p PM (continued) 11.08-12.00 Study On 4. Manchester, includes a new look at some old Christmas behels. News; Master's India. An 18-par serialisation of of John Masters' Radio 3 saga. Book Three: The Lotus and the Wind. (3) Levels of Deception.

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Holst's Fugal
Overture; Korngold's Violin
Concert (Pertman is soloist);
Haydn's Parti Rinaldo ... Se
pietade avente, on Numi (Jessye
Norman); Smetena's Vitava (Ma 4.00 News: Just After Four: 'Off the Record. . . " - Roger Worsley with his own early hit list of music hall nis own early intest or music hail recording ploneers.

4.10 The Case Of Dr Dodd by Frank Dokerty, With With Paul Webster as Dr Johnson.

4.40 Story Time: 'The Lovely Lady' by D H Lawrence. Abridged in two episodes. Read by Rachel Herbert. last) †. 8.00 News 8.05 Morning Concert (contd.): Rachmaninov's Vocalise; Entracte (Larde/Santos): Mozart's Sonata in F, K 332 (Uchida, plano); C P E Bach's Symphony in D, Wq 183 No 1.

Williams's Epithalamion f.

11.40 Cameristi of London: Bruch's
Four Pieces; and Schumann's
Marchanerzähkungen Op 132 f.

12.15 Midday Concert: BBC Scottish
SO (under Maksymluk), With
Frank Lloyd (horn). Part one.
Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on
theme of Thomas Tallis; Mozart's
Horn Concerto No 4 f. 1.00 News

1.05 The Secret Sin of Septimus
Brope: Saki's strory is read by
Peter Howell.

1.20 Concert: part two. Stravinksy's

Adamic to nappler effect.

Leo McKern's readings from his autobiography (Radio 4, 10.15pm) continues with memories of Wolfit, worshipped by McKern, while realizing that the actor/manager was convinced that nothing interesting could possibly happen. interesting could possibly happen on any stage devoid of Woltit. Peter Davalle

1.20 Concert part two. Stavinkey's
Symphony in C 1.
1.55 Poulenc and Satie: Koenig
Ensemble, with Jan LathamKoening (plano), David WilsonJohnson (barhone), and Judith
Hall (flute). Satie's La Plege de
Meduse: Poulenc's Sonata for
flute and plane; Sotie's Trole flute and plano; Setie's Trois petites Pieces montées; Poulenc's Le bal Masque †. Britten and Bridge: Britten's Canadian Carnival Op 19 and the Scottish Ballad Op 26 (Donohoe and Fowke, planos); and Bridge's There is a Willow Grows Aslant a

3.25 W.F. Bach Keyboard Music: Alan Cuckston plays works including the Polonalse No 6 in E flat minor; F 12 No 8; and Sonata No 4 in D major, F4 f. 4.00 Choral Evensong, From Gloucester Cathedralf 4.55 News

5.09 Mainly for Pleasure: Christmas music, presented by Fritz Spiegl. includes excerpts from Handel's

9.05 This Week's Composer; Bizet.
Act one of Carmen. With Julia
Migenes Johnson in the trie role,
Domingo as Don José, and Faith
Esham as Micaela. Matzel
conducts the French National
Overheaten to

Orchestra t. 10.00 Three Romantic Piano Sonatas:

10.40 Bournemouth Sinfonietta: BBC

Edith Vogel plays Brahms's Op 5

Singers, with Jonathan Robarts (bartone), Jeremy White (bass), Tracey Chadwell (soprano), Finzl's in Terra Pac and Yeughan Williams's Epithalamion 1.

Concert: part two. Stravinksy's

Messiah 1.
6.30 Music for guitar: Carlos Bonell's recital includes works by Villa-Lobos, Pujol and Poncel 1.
7.00 Broomhouse Reach: the fifth of Colin McLaren's six movements. With Devid de Keyser as the torgotten composer and Tim Davies as the hapless musicologist. musicologist f.
7.30 Nash Ensemble: part one.
Mozart's Serenade in Elfat K
375; and Barber's Summer Mi

8.10 Ancient Medicine: a talk by Mark

Geller, an Assyriologist at University College, London f. Nash Ensemble: part two. Hummel's Partita in E flat; Poulenc's Sextet for piano and 9.15 Seasonal Music: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, BBC Northern Singers. Chethams Girls Choir, Anthony Rolfe

Johnson (tenor). Part one. Stephen Dodgson's motet The Innocents (Stephen Wilkinson conducts) 1. 9.35 Pleasure, Voyages and the Mad Doctor of Canton: Norman Rodway reads from the William Hickey memiors (r).

9.55 Seasonal Music: Britten's cantata: St Nicholas (Nicholas Cleobury conducts) t. 11.00 Ayres for the Theatre: the Parisy

of Instruments in Purcell Distrase d knocence, or The Princess of Persia t. 11.28 Malcolm Binns: Haydn's Sonatas 11.20 Majorim Brins: Hayon's Sonata: in A (H XVI 26) and E fat (H XVI 52) played on the forteplano 1, News. Umil 12.00. VHF only: 12.00 midnight until 12.20am. Open University.

Radio 2

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4.00am Colin Berry.t 5.39 Ray
Moore.t 7.30 Terry Wogant Incl 8.31
Racing, 10.00 Jimmy Young.t 12.00
Stave Jones t incl, 1.65 Sports Desk.
2.00 Gloris Hunniford's Christmas
Concert. Carols played by the Salvation
Army, Incl. 2.02: 3.02 Sports Desk.
3.30
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Letter from Kassala

Homes evacuated as train explodes

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By David Nicholson-Lord

Dozens of homes were evacuated and the main A6033 road across the Pennines was closed yesterday when a tanker train carrying heating oil caught fire and exploded after coming off the rails in the Summit Tunnel on the border of West Yorkshire.

Firemen narrowly escaped injury and had to run one and a half miles to safety out of the tunnel when gas and oil escaped from a ruptured tank and ignited, sending a fireball along the roof.

Huge spurts of flame and smoke could later be seen gushing out of ventilation shafts on to the moors endangering nearby cottages.

A spokesman for West Yorkshire fire brigade said the blaze could go on for "hours, days, even many days." Firemen with breathing apparatus later attempted to re-enter the two-mile-long tannel but were Foam tenders and hydraulic

platforms were brought in later vesterday in an attempt to tackle the blaze from the ventilation shafts. Thousands f gallons of high-expansion foam were poured into the tunnel. One hundred and fifty local people were evacuated from their homes

Last night, with flames and smoke still visible from miles away, those who had left their homes were preparing to spend the night with relatives or at a



Rail explosion: The scene yesterday as flames spurted through the ventilation shaft of the Summit tunnel

Nigerian kidnap man seeks asylum

By Richard Dowden

Umaru Dikko, the Nigerian Transport Minister, who was rescued from a crate at Stansted airport after being kidnapped earlier this year, has applied for political asylum in Britain.

At present his home in Bayswater is guarded by local police and Diplomatic Protection Squad officers on the outside and Anti-Terrorist Squad and Special Branch officers inside. As the chief witness in the trial in February of his alleged kidnappers he is a very important man.

However, as soon as the trial ends the protection will be removed and Mr Dikko is known to be afraid that there will be other attempts to kidnap

Although Mr Dikko is wanted for questioning in Nigeria on matters concerning public funds during his period in office. Nigeria has not officially requested his extra-dition. Britain has let it be known that extradition would be unlikely if he had to face trial by military tribunal as other officials of the previous government have had to do. On the other hand to give political asylum to Mr Dikko could Anglo-Nigerian damage

Mr Dikko fled to Britain after the coup 12 months ago in Nigeria. He was found drugged in a wooden crate bound for Lagos in July after he had been kidnapped outside his home.

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With his bullock, he could still work other people's land. But there was no work to be done for richer people so I had to sell that too", he says. "I only got 40 dollars for the bullock 1 had to feed my children. And when the crops failed the third time. I decided we should leave. "I sold my last animal, a donkey, in return for wheat that we could take with us on the journey to

Kidane Waldegbrid's story is a typical one among the 35,000 drought victims who have crossed from Sudan to Ethiopia, although, sitting on a sand dune with his grieving, bitter-faced wife beside him, he finds it difficult to tell of

"I felt like crying when I left my home," he says. "I thought: O God, where will my future be? I thought of so many things - where could I take my children?"

Three months ago, Kidane trudged out of the Inderta district of Tigré with his wife

Eking out a living till nothing was left

Things started going wrong for Kidane Waldegbrid and his wife three years ago. The first year of the drought in Ethiopia's Tigre province forced Kidane to sell two of his sheep, although they fetched 24 Ethiopian dollars each, a good price at the time and one that helped to feed his three children for a year.

The family lived in a singleroom mud and stone house with a wooden roof, although the way Kidane tells it now amid the thousands of famine victims outside Kassala, it sounds rather grand. But he was, after all, a farmer. The animals lived in a thatched corral that surrounded his little house in Entalo. The second year of the

drought, however, meant the sale of two more sheep. The money was eked out to feed the three children again, although nine months later the fifth and last sheep in Kidane's tiny farm had to be sold. Under the decrees of the Tigré People's Liberation Front - the guerrillas who hold most of Tigré - he became the "owner" of his farm six years ago. But Kidane realized this year that it was all

Sudan. No one wanted to pay money for the donkey. I even had to leave the bullock's yoke behind because I could not sell

the tragedy that befell them.

12.000 t Latazeicure and his three-children, Hali, Maryam and Selamani. Hali was seven. Maryan three. Only Selamani, who is just one year old, was to survive.

"The journey took six weeks and we were fed by the TPLF," Kidane says "We bought food from other people on the way. But it was bad food. Hali and Maryam became ill. They became very weak and looked hungry. They started to have diarrhoea. We reached Sudan but they were so thin. There was only a very poor clinic here. They didn't get proper treatment. They died."

under a thin cover of earth beside a dried-up river bed only a few hundred yards from where their parents live with Selamani in a construction of sticks and corrugated iron with a mat on top. Latazeicure sits most days with her head in her hands, only 38 years old but her face

'Hali and Maryam lie nov

lined as if she is 60. Behind her, in a small cotton pouch on her back, nestles Selamani, a small brown hand emerging every few minutes to touch her head. Kidane and his wife are a

curiously gentle couple. He divorced his first wife and met Latazeicure when she herself mil()/---)
was divorced and working in a bar. He is a year younger, a proud, handsome man with a thin moustache. He might have married a much younger woman but there is a concern about him when he looks at his wife. Ask why and he says: "I love her."

Kidane still finds it all hard tragedy on the drought, but he clearly bates the Ethiopian Government. "A farmer needs food and administration for the control of the control to accept. He blames his food and education for his children," he says. "But when government troops started burning the fields, what was I supposed to think? They are

The couple sit on the edge of a dusty wadi in the cold evenings, not speaking but thinking of their home. Ask Kidane if he will return and he smiles for the first time.
"When the drought is over of course," he says. They all say that. But the thousands keep on coming from the other direction.

Robert Fisk

Dust and adrenalin for Gandhi

Riding with his wife, Sonia, in a motorcade of white cars, Mr Gandhi looks out at the Amethi Constituency. This is a poor area of Uttar Pradesh, f hamlets with thatched mudbricked cottages, women drawing water at wells, outdoor schools where children squat in

Walls are plastered with posters of Rajiv and his mother, and the Congress Party emblem of an upraised 'Rajive come forward." the slogans say, "Your are the country's saviour.

The motorcade stops at a village and a crowd erupts, women on the sidelines, as Mr Gandhi strides through, waving

and placing his palms together in greeting. Sonia, his wife, in a white sari hands out badges and pictures. In one village Mr Gandhi and a crowd watch, rapt, as a magician shuts a girl into a casket, apparently dismembers her in three

sections, and then restores her. In the next village, as people chant "Rajiv Gandhi, Zinda-bad" – "Long live Gandhi" – some women fall at his feet in respect. He does not like this and gently bends to help them up. In his modern way he makes a point of including women in his speeches, trying to draw them into the main-

He says, politely, that he does not wish to discuss his opponent in Amethi, his sisterin-law Menaka Gandhi. An

opinion poll says he will take 90 per cent of the vote here.

In the town of Musafirakhana a crowd of several thousands grows boisterous and people start crowding Mr Gandhi. A policeman moves in with his stave to push people back in the usual vigorous manner, but Mr Gandhi reaches forward and stays his

This march to victory is an

extraordinary spectacle. There is an outpouring of goodwill. People want to give this new man a chance. He has become the repository of their hopes, though he has little political experience and needs immense resources to manage this massive, complex and subtle

Heseltine faces inquiry on Levene

Continued from page 1

Minister, Mr Kinnock said the history of the Government's relationship with Mr Levens gave grounds for great sus-

The remark provoked the normally-adept Commons performer, Mr Biffen, into a gaffe when he said that a man successfully executing a job at £95,000 a year was a damned sight cheaper than a failure at half that price.

Prompted by Mr Heseltine he quickly rose to say that his comment should not be construed as casting any reflection

Those who have not yet bought

their Christmas dinner need have no fears; there is still a wide choice

in a plastic bag, changing the water frequently until there is no ice left in the cavity. If you prefer red meat,

Vegetables and fruit are in record

supply, and many prices are lower in real terms than 20 years ago. There have been bumper crops of

potatoes, carrots, parsuips and onions, which are all good value, as are cabbages at 12-18p a lb for green.

Miners vote out Rule 30 Continued from page 1 pendence" rule change did not

.The area council however softened the blow by rejecting an attempt to call off immediately the year-long national overtime ban in the area, national union. Our loyalties although it is seeking a fresh mandate on whether it should be continued.

It also voted against an attempt to accept the 5.2 per cent wage offer from the coal board which has been rejected by the NUM on the ground that this area was a function of the national union. It also voted by the firm of accountants acting a substantial majority to dis- as sequestrators. sociate itself from the "superfluous" national and Nottingham- brought today against the shire working miners com- National Union of Railwaymen

against the national union.

• Trade unions which are continuing to channel money to the NUM which has had its assets sequestrated on the orders of the High Court, are likely to face legal challenges by

A court action could be mittees which have brought a by the sequestrators. Other large number of court cases miners supporters last night expressed concern that the egal Mr Chadburn said the "inde- net would be cast more widely.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Exhibitions in progress Oil paintings by Richard Wallace; Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd St. Manchester, Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Sat 1 to 4: (ends Jan 11).

Samuel Johnson bicentenary exhibition: British Library, Great Russell St, EC1; Mon to Sat 10 to 5. Sun 2.30 to 6; (ends Feb 24).

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A Clue to History: portraits of artiers from Shakespeare to Beckett; Writers Observed: photographs by Mark Gerson; and Verse and Visuals; Pete Laver, Dove Guildford, 7.45.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,617

Cottage and The Wordsworth Museum, Grasmere. Ambleside, Cumbria; Mon to Sat 10 to 4.30, Sinfonietta; Guildhall, Plymouth, Sun 11 to 4.30; (ends Jan 6). TUA-Dimensioner: two dimensions: new art from sweden; Towner Art Gallery; High St. Old Town.

2 to 5: (ends Jan 27). Christmas music

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available. Turkeys are plentiful, with prices ranging from around 50p a 1b for frozen birds to between £1 and £1.10 for fresh birds that have been properly hung. Bejam have issued a reminder that any frozen bird must be fully thawed before cooking if necessary by standing it Illustrated lecutre on the work of Graham Sutherland, by Gordon Bennett: Carmarthen Museum Abergwili, Carmarthen, 7.

Anniversaries

the cavity. If you prefer red meat, beef and pork are excellent value. Topside and silverside range from £1.90 to £2.30 a lb, fore-rib from £1.50 to £3.20. Whole leg of pork is £1 to £1.30, boneless shoulder £1 to £1.40. Whole leg of lamb is still good value at £1.50 to £1.80 a lb. Dooths: Benjamin Disraeli, Earl

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Give My Regards to Broad Street The Woman in Red

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2 (5) Trading Places
3 (9) The Evil That Men Do
4 (2) Sudden Impact
5 (6) Uncommon Valour
6 (3) Educating Rita
7 (14) Scarface
8 (7) Greystroke: The Legend of Tarzan
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trains will reach their destinations by 10pm; no overnight trains. December 25/28: No services. December 25/28: No services. December 27/28: Saturday service with extra peak hour trains on commuter routes; normal weekday service of overnight trains. December 28: Normal Saturday service with some trains retirned for a faster journey. December 38: Saturday service with additional peak hour trains on congresser routes; no overnight trains. Japuary 1: Saturday service on InterCity routes in England and Wales; Sunday service on other lines; no service in Scotland. Jamesry 2: Normal Wednesday service in Scotland. Service and Wales; only long distance trains in Scotland.

Passengers are advised to check their train times before travelling. For those travelling longer dis-tances, seats can be reserved on most trains. On some services usual catering facilities will not be available. Full details of alterations to train services available from main British Rail stations and travel

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6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia, Midlands, Charmel islands, Wales: Dry with surray periods after overnight fog and frost in places: wind W light; max temp 8C (45F).

E, central N, NE England; triainly dry with surray periods after overnight mist or fog patches; wind W light becoming moderate; max temps 5C (43F).

NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, W Scotland, Glasgow, Moray Firth, Northern Ireland: Raiffer cloudy with wintry showers, heavy in places; wind W strong locally gale; max temp 5C (41F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Cloud and further rain spreading from the W tomorrow, followed by showers in the N on Sunday; mild in the S- on Sunday.

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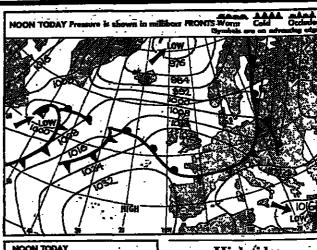
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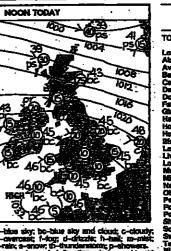
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Top films The top box-office films in London:

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are cabbages at 12-18p a lb for green, 16-22p for Savoy. Brussels sprouts are plentiful and excellent at 15-20p a lb. Apples and oranges are cheaper than they were last year, Cox's 25-40p a lb, Russets 28-38p, Granny Smiths 25-38p. Navelinas and Jaffa 8-20p each, according to size. Lovely juicy satsumas 24-32p a lb, clementines 35-45p. Exotic fruits are becoming increasingly popular, lychees are £1.25 to £1.80 a lb, mangos 70p to £1.40 each, depending on size, passion fruit 15-22p each, pawpaws 70p to £1.30 each. Good buye from large stores and Roads

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